

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 281

Approved June 24, 2021

WHEREAS, June is Pride month, a time to celebrate and affirm that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) rights are human rights; and

WHEREAS, The origin of Pride is the Stonewall Uprising of 1969, in which LGBTQIA community members affirmed their right to live free of harassment, prejudice, and violence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council affirms the right of all residents to live and work in a safe and inclusive community free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Discrimination, bullying, violence, and a lack of acceptance continues to contribute to higher rates of school drop outs, youth homelessness, and ongoing mental health challenges for LGBTQIA youth; and

WHEREAS, Adult members of the LGBTQIA community continue to face discrimination, inequity in opportunity, and violence, simply for expressing their full humanity, and this is especially true for trans women and trans women of color; and

WHEREAS, Education regarding LGBTQIA issues supported by a legal framework that outlaws discrimination in employment, housing, financial transactions, and other services is important to help increase safety and respect for LGBTQIA members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Providence City Council welcomes June as Pride month as a celebration of LGBTQIA members and a call to action to expand equity, diversity, community safety for all residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Providence City Council celebrates and recognizes the contributions, struggles, risks, and many identities of Providence's LGBTQIA community and their families and proudly affirms that love is love.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes June as Pride Month in perpetuity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Providence City Council wishes the LGBTQIA community and straight allies a very happy Pride month, and encourages safe celebrations.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 17 2021

READ AND PASSED

JOHN J. IGLOZZI, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

6/24/21