

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 316

Approved June 17, 2019

WHEREAS, June is Pride month, an affirming celebration of Providence's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI) community members and their contributions to our Capital City; and

WHEREAS, 2019 is the fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion, during which LGBTQI community members said, "Enough," after a violent police raid at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village. The protest movement at Stonewall ushered in the modern movement for LGBTQI liberation; and

WHEREAS, Trans community members, particularly trans women of color, continue to be at the forefront of social movements for LGBTQI, racial, and economic justice, as they were at Stonewall, and continue to face enormous personal, political, and social risk, in the act of expressing their full humanity; and

WHEREAS, Providence's LGBTQI community marched in the first Providence Pride Parade in 1976, in the midst of hostile opposition, threats of violence, and resistance from city government and police who publicly condemned the event as promoting criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, 43 years later Pride celebrations and LGBTQI individuals and their families are still being vilified as a threat by people in powerful positions locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Providence's LGBTQI community spans the full diversity of our city and includes young people, community elders, parents, immigrants from around the world, Black, white, Latino/a, Native, Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander, people of all religions and creeds, and people from every walk of life; and

WHEREAS, Pride is an opportunity to lift up the work for LGBTQI inclusion in Providence while acknowledging that our community is intersectional, that the struggles that LGBTQI individuals face are multifaceted, and that it is the work of everyone in our community gay, straight, cis, trans, and queer, to elevate the work for justice, inclusion, affirmation, and celebration, and liberation for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Providence City Council welcomes June as Pride month.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Providence City Council wishes the LGBTQI community and straight allies a very happy pride month, and encourages all residents of Providence to enjoy a safe, celebratory Pride.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor  
Date: 6/17/19