

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Pride is celebrated worldwide to honor and promote the visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons across the globe and throughout history; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month each June raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances, and build understanding; and

WHEREAS, by protecting the rights of every individual, we enhance and strengthen the value of our entire society, enabling all to live openly, equally, and without fear; and

25 **WHEREAS**, former Austin Mayor Steve Adler first proclaimed the month
26 of June 2018 as Pride Month in Austin and August 10, 2019, as Austin Pride Day;
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28 **WHEREAS**, City Council believes it is important to continue to
29 communicate its support for diversity, inclusivity, equality, and respect in our city;
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31 **WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ+ pride flag has been used since the 1970s as a
32 symbol of LGBTQ+ pride and social movements; and

33 **WHEREAS**, flying the pride flag at City Hall and other City-owned
34 facilities throughout the month of June further symbolizes the City's recognition of
35 June as LGBTQ+ pride month and symbolizes the City's celebration of diversity
36 and support for the LGBTQ+ community; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

37 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

38 The City Manager is directed to continue to reaffirm each June as Pride Month
39 and to maintain and enhance a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance while
40 ensuring that Austin continues to be a safe, welcoming environment that embraces
41 and celebrates our diverse community.

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