

RESOLUTION NO.

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, the Williams Institute estimated in a 2021 report that the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown metropolitan area has the third largest percentage of LGBTQ+ people in the country; and](#)

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community contributes tremendously to the cultural, economic, political, and social fabric of Austin; 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 [to honor the impact LGBTQ+ people have had](#) throughout history; and

WHEREAS, even though Austin’s Pride parade ~~and festivities are~~ held in August [and festivities continue from June through August](#), nationally and internationally June is recognized as Pride Month, which commemorates the June 28, 1969 New York City Stonewall Uprising, sparking the modern LGBTQ+ Civil Rights Movement to ensure dignity of equality for all; 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, the LGBTQ+ community currently faces mounting discrimination, intolerance, and hate that at times results in increasingly hostile and dangerous environments for LGBTQ+ people; and

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

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

37 **WHEREAS**, flying the pride flag at City Hall and other City-owned
38 facilities throughout the month of June further symbolizes the City's recognition of
39 June as LGBTQ+ pride month and ~~symbolizes~~embodies the City's celebration of
40 diversity and support for the LGBTQ+ community; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

42 In order to maintain and enhance Austin's culture of inclusiveness and
43 acceptance,~~T~~the City Manager is directed to continue to reaffirm each June as Pride
44 Month, ~~and to maintain and enhance a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance while~~
45 ensuring that Austin continues to be a safe, welcoming environment that embraces
46 and celebrates our diverse community.

49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

50 The City Manager is directed to display and fly an inclusive Progress Pride
51 Flag at City Hall and other City-owned facilities annually throughout the month of
52 June to celebrate Pride Month.

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54 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____

55 Myrna Rios
56 City Clerk
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