

RESOLUTION NO. 20230831-087

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 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 is 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

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

WHEREAS, former Austin Mayor Steve Adler first proclaimed the month of June 2018 as Pride Month in Austin and August 10, 2019, as Austin Pride Day; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes it is important to continue to communicate its support for diversity, inclusivity, equality, and respect in our city; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ pride flags have been used since the 1970's as a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride; and

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

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

In order to maintain and enhance Austin's culture of inclusiveness and acceptance, the City Manager is directed to continue to reaffirm each June as Pride Month, ensuring that Austin continues to be a safe, welcoming environment that embraces and celebrates our diverse community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

ADOPTED: : August 31, 2023 **ATTEST:** *Myrna Rios*
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City Clerk