



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL



By Quincy, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, A. Johnson, and Palmisano

Declaring June 2017 “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month”

Whereas, Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, a position subsequently adopted by numerous Minnesota cities and the State itself; and

Whereas, Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to adopt an ordinance creating a domestic-partner registry; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has been steadfast in its commitment to full legal equality for same-sex couples, and in particular to end the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage, as well as a public and vocal proponent of the marriage equality statute passed in 2013 by the Minnesota State Legislature and signed by the Governor; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Council, in partnership with the Minneapolis School District, our legislative delegation, and numerous advocacy organizations has long advocated for the 2014 passage of the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act, providing a clear definition of bullying, listing 19 categories of students often singled out for bullying, and creation a school climate center and council to provide up-to-date anti-bullying research to school districts, and focuses on bullying prevention; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis’ Transgender Issues Work Group was established in March 2014 and has hosted the annual Minneapolis Trans Equity Summit since 2014 to support and continue to raise awareness of the social, legal, health, employment, and other issues critical for the transgender community; and

Whereas, in February of 2017 the City Council approved the creation of the Transgender Equity Council which was intended to serve as an advisory board to the City and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on matters of importance to the transgender community; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has a thriving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community, sustaining and sustained by so many welcoming organizations, places of worship, businesses, neighborhoods, schools, events, and more; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has benefited from the service and talents of numerous LGBT elected officials, on the City Council, the Park & Recreation Board, the Board of Estimate and Taxation, and in both the Minnesota House and Senate, as well as of countless appointed officials and city employees; and

Whereas, Minneapolis annually plays host to the Twin Cities LGBT Pride celebration, the City’s largest outdoor festival, in which Loring Park is turned into a forum for celebrating LGBT pride and those, including allies, who work for it;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That June 2017 is hereby declared “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month” in the City of Minneapolis, and that residents and visitors are encouraged to participate in the numerous activities celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month in the City and in the ongoing work of leading Minnesota toward full LGBT equality.

Be It Further Resolved that the 35W Bridge be lighted in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple on June 23 and June 24, 2017.

Passed, April 14, 2017

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk