

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~~he 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:** _____

56 Myrna Rios
57 City Clerk