



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

By: Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Warsame,
Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, and Palmisano

Declaring June 2018 “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual Pride Month”

- Whereas: In 1975 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 and focused 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 as an advisory board to the City and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on matters of importance to the transgender community; and
- Whereas: Minneapolis has a thriving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA) 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 LGBTQIA 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 that the Mayor and City Council hereby declare June 2018 as “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual 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.

Passed this the 25th Day of May, 2018

LISA BENDER, President of the Council

APPROVED:

JACOB FREY, Mayor

ATTEST:

CASEY JOE CARL, City Clerk