

**RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1220**

**A Resolution recognizing Friday, June 1 to Saturday, June, 30, 2018 as the "Nashville Pride Month", celebrating the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities and their enormous contributions to the quality of life in Nashville and Davidson County, and further recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Nashville Pride event which took place in 1988.**

WHEREAS, Our Pride Encompasses Nashville (Nashville Pride) has been a strong advocate and supporter of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) communities throughout Middle Tennessee and is celebrating Nashville Pride in the city of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the city of Nashville is honored to welcome members of the LGBT community and their allies to celebrate a very special and important event honoring the diversity, inclusion, and history of the pride and gay rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Pride celebration and movement continues to grow and celebrates inclusion as a necessary ingredient to making Nashville and the United States truly diverse. Nashville Pride has grown immensely and is now one of the largest public weekend festivals in Middle Tennessee, reminding us to embrace what makes each individual unique and to use those qualities to change the world for the better; and

WHEREAS, the Pride movement has an auspicious history in the U.S. and Nashville. Early on the morning of Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1969, LGBT persons rioted following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar at 43 Christopher Street in New York City. In Nashville, the first pride parade took place in 1988, not with a riot but as a positive stance against discrimination and violence toward LGBT people. The parade promoted self-affirmation, dignity, equal rights, and increased the visibility of LGBT persons as a social group to build community; and

WHEREAS, this June marks the 30th consecutive Pride event in Nashville, with events all month long, including the Nashville Pride Festival June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the city of Nashville would like to thank the Nashville Pride Board of Directors, Working Groups, Sponsors and all of the volunteers for their continued support and commitment to the mission of Nashville Pride over the past 30 years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing Friday, June 1 through Saturday, June 30, 2018 to be "Nashville Pride Month" in Nashville, celebrating the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities and their enormous contributions to the quality of life in the City of Nashville.

Section 2. That the Metropolitan Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Nashville Pride Board of Directors.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Brett Withers

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Members of Council