

**RESOLUTION NO. RS2019-1750**

**A Resolution recognizing Saturday, June 1 to Sunday, June 30, 2019 as "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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, an important milestone event for the Gay Rights movement.**

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, this June marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Early on the morning of Saturday, June 28, 1969, LGBT persons rioted following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar at 43 Christopher Street in New York City. The Stonewall Riots took place over six days and galvanized LGBT political activism, leading to the formation of several gay rights organizations and serving as an important milestone event in the Gay Rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Nashville's first Pride parade took place in June 1988, with 125 individuals meeting at Fannie Mae Dees (Dragon) Park and walking through Vanderbilt University and across West End Avenue to Centennial Park. The parade promoted self-affirmation, dignity, equality rights, and increased the visibility of LGBT persons as a social group to build community. This year's Nashville Pride Parade will take place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> on Broadway, with thousands of participants and spectators anticipated; and

WHEREAS, this year will be 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive Pride event in Nashville, with events all month long, including the Nashville Pride Festival June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</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 31 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 Saturday, June 1 through Sunday, June 30, 2019 as "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 and further recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, an important milestone event for the Gay Rights movement.

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.

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