

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE
2024 AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

WHEREAS, LGBTQ Pride Month is celebrated each year during the month of June, in commemoration of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising — an incident sparked by a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Uprising became an important rallying cry for the nascent gay rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the police sparked six days of heavy protests and violent clashes with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the courageousness and valor displayed by the members of the LGBTQ community in the Stonewall Uprising served as a catalyst for the Gay Rights Movement around the world; and

WHEREAS, what started as "Gay Pride Day" (formerly celebrated on the last Sunday in June) slowly grew to encompass a month-long series of events, which eventually evolved into Gay Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, Gay Pride Month commemorates the impact that the LGBTQ community has had on local, national, and international history; honors members of the LGBTQ community who have been lost to hate crimes and HIV/AIDS; and features celebrations such as pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, and concerts; and

WHEREAS, during the last decade, our country have made tremendous strides in the LGBTQ equality movement, including electing LGBTQ elected officials on local, state, and federal levels, the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, in a landmark Supreme Court decision *Obergefell v. Hodges*, marriage equality became the law of the land and granted same-sex couples in all 50 states the fundamental right to marry under the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, this Pride month, we must reflect not only on the progress that has been made in the national and global effort to advance human rights, but also on the specific challenges that remain for members of LGBTQ communities in the U.S. and around the world; and

WHEREAS, in addition to celebrations of LGBTQ achievements and progress, Gay Pride celebrations stand against a longstanding and continued history of discrimination and violence toward the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember that the revolutionary riots at Stonewall were spearheaded by many LGBTQ people of color, including black and brown transgender women, and that none of the progress made towards the acceptance and equality of LGBTQ individuals over the past 51 years would be possible if not for the action and courage of those protestors; and

WHEREAS, over the last few years, there has been a disturbing proliferation of anti-trans bills, targeting transgender and nonbinary people for discrimination, such as by barring or criminalizing healthcare for transgender youth, barring access to the use of appropriate facilities like restrooms, restricting transgender students' ability to fully participate in school and sports, or making it more difficult for trans people to get identification documents with their name and gender; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month provides an important opportunity to condemn transphobia, racism, systemic injustice, and to elevate voices and amplify stories of trans people, black people, indigenous people, and other minorities, including those within the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, in the words of late LGBTQ activist Marsha P. Johnson, there can be "no pride for some of us without liberation for all of us"; and

WHEREAS, Miami Beach prides itself on the City's longstanding commitment to honoring the LGBTQ community, and supporting and encouraging a dialogue that promotes equality, dignity, and human rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and the City Commission hereby declare the month of June 2024 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Miami Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/17/2024

Date