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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

June 21, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with the LGBTQ+ Caucus, City Clerk Valencia, Aldermen Villegas, Cruz, Martin, Chico, Rodriguez, O'Shea, Mosley, Nugent, Vasquez, Sigcho-Lopez, Ervin, Hopkins, Mitts, Waguespack, Scott and La Spata, a resolution commemorating Pride Month.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJ", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, This august Body wishes to acknowledge the numerous contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex (LGBTQI+) communities to the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQI+ communities for decades have been, and continue to be, integral to the vibrant culture and climate of Chicago. These communities continue to contribute to academic, economic, artistic and social spheres within and around our greater community; and

WHEREAS, The month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Inn riots which occurred on June 28, 1969, marking the beginning of the modern LGBTQI+ movement; and

WHEREAS, One of the most historic and highly anticipated events - the 52nd Annual Pride Parade – will take place on Sunday, June 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is also the home of the first recognized LGBTQI+ Rights organization in the Country, The Society for Human Rights, which was established in 1924 by Henry Gerber; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago remains committed to protecting the civil rights of LGBTQI+ communities as the power and purpose of this iconic event proves vital in our unified effort to forge a more open and just society; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's active and involved LGBTQI+ communities undeniably improve the quality of life in Chicago, and Pride Month serves as a call to our collective consciousness to persist in the fight to eradicate prejudice and discrimination everywhere; and

WHEREAS, In 2023 alone, State and local legislatures have already introduced over 600 hateful laws targeting LGBTQI+ communities; and

WHEREAS, Despite these attacks, LGBTQI+ communities remain resilient and unapologetically proud; and

WHEREAS, Despite being marginalized throughout the history of the United States, LGBTQI+ individuals in the City of Chicago continue to celebrate their identities, love, and contributions to our City in various expressions of Pride; and

WHEREAS, We look forward to the continued contributions of the LGBTQI+ communities, knowing that this will make Chicago an even greater City than it is today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-first day of June, 2023, do hereby pay tribute to the many contributions of Chicago's LGBTQI+ communities.