

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, June has been nationally recognized as LGBTQ+ Pride Month, celebrating the roots of the gay rights movement forward to today's celebration of the LGBTQ+ community's contributions to society, history, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month has been celebrated in the City of Chicago for decades, with events dating back to 1970; and

WHEREAS, the first Pride Parade in Chicago took place in 1970, coinciding with gay pride marches and parades in New York City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, commemorating the first anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City, which had propelled the movement into mainstream national awareness; and

WHEREAS, in its 1970 commemoration, activists in Chicago marked the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots by holding a week-long celebration which culminated in a march from Washington Square Park to the Water Tower on Michigan Avenue; and

WHEREAS, since then, Pride Month has become an annual tradition, typically held in June to coincide with similar celebrations worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago recognizes the invaluable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals to the culture, economic, and social fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago wishes to affirm our commitment to fostering an inclusive and equitable environment where all residents can live authentically and without fear of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the progress made towards LGBTQ+ equality and to reaffirm our dedication to continuing the fight for justice and acceptance for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago proudly stands with the LGBTQ+ community in advocating for the rights and dignity of all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twelfth day of June 2024, do hereby designate June 2024 as Pride Month, commit to supporting and participating in events and initiatives that promote LGBTQ+ rights, awareness, and visibility, and express our appreciation and support for the vital contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community to the lifeblood of the City of Chicago and communities worldwide.