

INTRODUCED: 6/6/2022

REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councillors Brown, Adamson, Potts and E. Evans

DIGEST: recognizes the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the June Celebration of Pride Month

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SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Ali Brown

Drafted by: Councillor Ali Brown

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL:



Date: June 2, 2022

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CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. , 2022

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION recognizing the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the June Celebration of Pride Month.

WHEREAS, Pride Month celebrates and honors the LGBTQ+ community who call Indiana home and have made significant contributions to our city and state in every aspect, including in the fields of education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sports, government, music, film, politics, technology, literature, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community has come a great distance towards equality through the efforts of grassroots organizers and nonprofit organizations who have created a groundswell of support and a culture of acceptance; and

WHEREAS, Pride is a celebration of visibility, despite the continued discrimination and dehumanization that many LGBTQ+ people face; and

WHEREAS, our community has come under attack as our Statehouse has decided to villainize trans children who just want to play sports; and

WHEREAS, we know that attacks on the trans community costs much more than just not getting to play on a high school team. According to a study from the American Academy of Pediatrics, more than half of transgender male teens who participated in the survey reported attempting suicide in their lifetime, while 29.9 percent of transgender female teens said they attempted suicide. Among non-binary youth, 41.8 percent of respondents stated that they had attempted suicide at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, many LGBTQ+ youth, especially transgender and gender nonconforming individuals experience family rejection, bullying, and harassment, or feel unsafe for simply being who they are—all of which can be added risk factors for suicide; and

WHEREAS, our city prides itself on welcoming everyone, to the point of inscribing our welcome on the cornerstone of our old City Hall: "I, Myself, am a Citizen of No Mean City" by Mayor Charles Bookwalter in 1909. We stand today in solidarity with our LGBTQ+ community and all those who believe in equality to say that Indianapolis truly does welcome all; and

WHEREAS, we will continue to urge State Legislators to craft legislation that supports our children, like fully funding public schools, funding adequate mental health support for our children and young adults, and leveling the playing field by fully funding girls' sports; and

WHEREAS, we urge all government entities, community leaders, businesses, schools and individuals to respect and honor our diverse community, and to build a culture of inclusivity and equity all year long; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. We, the City of Indianapolis and City-County Council declare June 2022 to be "Pride Month."

SECTION 2. We, the City-County Council affirm our support of the LGBTQ+ community.

SECTION 3. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, at \_\_\_\_ p.m.

ATTEST:

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President, City-County Council

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SaRita Hughes  
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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SaRita Hughes  
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor