

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE
2020 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, Gay Pride is essentially a profound stance against a longstanding history of discrimination and violence toward the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, during this year's Pride Month, it is important to remember that the revolutionary riots at Stonewall were spearheaded by many LGBTQ people of color, including black and brown trans 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, Pride Month provides an important opportunity to condemn racism, systemic injustice, and police brutality, and to elevate voices and amplify stories of black, indigenous, people of color, 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, further, the Mayor and City Commission wish to recognize and celebrate the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Bostock v. Clayton County*, issued on June 15, 2020, which delivered a fitting victory to champions of expanding worker protections under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to members of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, in a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that gay and transgender people are protected on the basis of sex against employment discrimination under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, moreover, while Pride Month will be celebrated differently this year, with in-person events and celebrations cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor and City Commission encourage Miami Beach residents to partake in Pride Month by learning more about queer culture and the history of the Pride movement through reading literature, watching documentaries, donating to organizations that meaningfully support the LGBTQ community, and reaching out to family, friends and loved ones with a heartfelt phone call, video chat, text, email or handwritten letter; 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 hereby declare the month of June 2020 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Miami Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Micky Steinberg)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

Rafael Granado
City Attorney

6-16-20
Date