

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING MAY 17, 2022 AS “DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, AND BIPHOBIA” IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, AND DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022 AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

**WHEREAS**, the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, celebrated annually on May 17, was created in 2004 to draw the attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people and all other people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of May 17 was specifically chosen to commemorate the World Health Organization’s decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, May 17 is now celebrated in more than 130 countries, including 37 countries where same-sex acts are illegal; and

**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 has made tremendous strides in the LGBTQ equality movement, including legalizing gay marriage nationwide, electing LGBTQ elected officials on local, state, and federal levels, the repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy; 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**, unfortunately, despite major gains by the LGBTQ equality movement, the LGBTQ community once again is being targeted by a slew of transphobic and homophobic bills introduced and adopted across the country, including the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2021, joining the states of South Dakota, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama West Virginia, and Tennessee, Governor Ron DeSantis signed a bill banning transgender youth from playing on school sports teams that align with their gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis signed a bill widely known as the “Don’t Say Gay” bill which prohibits school districts from allowing classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity, sending a chilling message to Florida LGBTQ youth that their sexuality and identity are something that must be hidden, and prohibited; and

**WHEREAS**, also this year, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a letter to Texas state health agencies announcing that delivering gender-affirming medical treatments to transgender youths “constitutes child abuse” under state law, and ordered state child welfare officials to launch child abuse investigations into reports of transgender kids receiving gender-affirming care; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2022, the state of Alabama enacted a bill criminalizing medical care for trans youth, making it a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison to provide medical care including hormone treatment and puberty blockers to minors, and banned trans students from using bathrooms that match their identity; and

**WHEREAS**, what makes these recent legislative attacks more insidious is that they target the society’s most vulnerable: children; and

**WHEREAS**, this year 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**, the Mayor and City Commission support the goals and ideals of an International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia, and Pride Month celebrations, and stand together with, and in support of, all members of the LGBTQ community as we strive to ensure justice and protection 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 May 17, 2022 as "Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia" in the City of Miami Beach, and designate the month of June 2022 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Miami Beach.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner David Richardson)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

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City Attorney *CA*

*4-25-22*  
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Date