

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 52nd  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONEWALL RIOTS  
AND THE JUNE CELEBRATION OF PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in the City of Evansville, Indiana, have made, and continue to make, vital contributions to the city and to the 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;

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in the United States serve, and have served, in positions in the federal government and state and local governments, including as members of Congress, governors, mayors, and city-county council members;

WHEREAS, the demonstrators who protested on June 28, 1969, 52 years ago this year, following a law enforcement raid of the Stonewall Inn, an LGBTQ+ club in New York City, are pioneers of the LGBTQ+ movement for equality;

WHEREAS, throughout much of the history of the United States, same-sex relationships were criminalized in many States and many LGBTQ+ people in the United States were forced to hide their LGBTQ+ identities while living in secrecy and fear;

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry and acknowledged that “[n]o union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family”;

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are at increased risk of suicide, homelessness, and becoming victims of bullying and violence;

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community has faced discrimination, inequality, and violence throughout the history of the United States;

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in the City of Evansville, Indiana, and across Indiana have fought for equal treatment, dignity, and respect;

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in the City of Evansville, Indiana, have achieved significant milestones, including passage of two changes to the Human Relations Ordinance in recent years to protect LGBT+ people;

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*Anna Winkler*  
CITY CLERK

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized throughout the history of the United States, LGBTQ+ people in the City of Evansville, Indiana, and across the country continue to celebrate their identities, love, and contributions to the United States in various expressions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evansville, Indiana, enjoys a good rating from the Human Rights Campaign's Equality Index;

WHEREAS, the City of Evansville, Indiana, adopted an aspirational campaign to make sure that "E is for Everyone"; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the City of Evansville, Indiana, continues to expand every day and LGBTQ+ people in the City of Evansville, Indiana, remain determined to pursue equality, respect, and inclusion for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA:

Section 1. The City of Evansville, Indiana, supports the rights, freedoms, and equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other sexual and gender minority people (referred to in this resolving clause as "LGBTQ+") people in the City of Evansville, Indiana, and around the world;

Section 2. The City of Evansville, Indiana, supports efforts to ensure the equal treatment of all people in Evansville regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity;

Section 3. The City of Evansville, Indiana, encourages the celebration of June as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in order to provide a lasting opportunity for all people in Evansville:  
(A) to learn about the discrimination and inequality that the LGBTQ+ community endured, and continues to endure; and  
(B) to celebrate the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community throughout the history of the city.

Section 4. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect on the day of its final passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the City Clerk.

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Ron Beane, President  
Common Council of Evansville, Indiana

I attest to the passage and adoption of the foregoing by the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, on the above date and that the same, having been presented to me, was delivered to the Mayor of said City, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, at \_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_m. for the Mayor's consideration and action thereon.

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Laura Windhorst, City Clerk  
City of Evansville, Indiana

Having examined the foregoing resolution, I do now, as Mayor of the City of Evansville, Indiana, approve said ordinance and return the same to the City Clerk this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor  
City of Evansville, Indiana