



# The City of Minneapolis



## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Quincy, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame,  
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

### **Declaring June 2016 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month**

Whereas, Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, a position subsequently adopted by numerous Minnesota cities and the State itself; and

Whereas, Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to adopt an ordinance creating a domestic-partner registry; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has been steadfast in its commitment to full legal equality for same-sex couples, and in particular to an end to the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage, as well as public and vocal proponent of the marriage equality statute passed in 2013 by the Minnesota State Legislature and signed by the Governor; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Council, in partnership with the Minneapolis School District, our legislative delegation and numerous advocacy organizations has long advocated for the 2014 passage of The Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act, providing a clear definition of bullying, listing 19 categories of students often singled out for bullying, and creation a school climate center and council to provide up-to-date anti-bullying research to school districts, and focuses on bullying prevention; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has a thriving LGBT community, sustaining and sustained by so many welcoming organizations, places of worship, businesses, neighborhoods, schools, events, and more; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has benefited from the service and talents of numerous LGBT elected officials, on the City Council, the Park & Recreation Board, the Board of Estimate and Taxation, and in both the Minnesota House and Senate, as well as of countless appointed officials and city employees; and

Whereas, Minneapolis annually plays host to the Twin Cities LGBT Pride celebration, the City's largest outdoor festival, in which Loring Park is turned into a forum for celebrating LGBT pride and those, including allies, who work for it;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That June 2016 is hereby declared "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month" in the City of Minneapolis, and that residents and visitors are encouraged to participate in the numerous activities celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month in the City and in the ongoing work of leading Minnesota toward full LGBT equality.

Be It Further Resolved that the 35W Bridge be lit red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple on June 24th and June 25th, 2016.

Passed this the 13th Day of May, 2016

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Barbara A. Johnson, President of the Council

APPROVED:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Casey Carl, City Clerk