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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
AND CELEBRATING JUNE 2022 AS PRIDE MONTH IN ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, in June 1969 patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York City, fed up with police harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons, resisted police harassment, igniting what has become known as the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, the first LGBTQ+ Pride celebrations and parades took place nationally in June 1970 to mark the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. An Anchorage solidarity march on City Hall, with a handful of brave pioneers, took place in 1973 – forty-six years later, more than 10,000 individuals participated in Anchorage’s 2019 Pride events; and

WHEREAS, the story of Anchorage’s LGBTQ+ communities is America’s story – an integral part of our long, ongoing struggle to realize the American promise of equality under the law and equality of opportunity in our society, while protecting and guaranteeing privacy rights; and

WHEREAS, the 40-year struggle for LGBTQ+ equality under municipal code was finally realized on September 29, 2015, with the Anchorage Assembly’s passage of AO 2015-9(S-1), that added sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes under Anchorage Title 5 – Equal Rights; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage’s month-long 2022 Pride celebrations will include a Pride Artist & Maker Pop-Up Market on June 9th, 4-7 pm at Grow North Farm and the Rainbow Run on June 14th – with 2022 Pride events listed at identityalaska.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly recognizes June 2022 as

“Pride Month”

and encourages the Anchorage community to participate in local events celebrating our LGBTQ+ family members, friends, and neighbors, and the rich diversity of the Municipality of Anchorage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 7th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

Chair

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