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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR No. 2023-189**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND  
CELEBRATING JUNE 2023 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 LGBTQIA2S+ 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 LGBTQIA2S+ community 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 LGBTQIA2S+ equality under municipal code was finally realized on September 29, 2015, when the Anchorage Assembly approved AO 2015-9(S-1), which added sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes under Anchorage Title 5 – Equal Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Anchorage’s month-long 2023 Pride celebrations include the Rainbow Run 5K at Delaney Park Strip, 6 pm on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Anchorage Pride Parade at 11:30 am Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, in Downtown Anchorage, and Celebrate Pride ’23 at Delaney Park Strip, 12-5 pm on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Anchorage Assembly recognizes and celebrates June 2023 as

**“Pride Month”**

and encourages the Anchorage community to participate in local events celebrating our LGBTQIA2S+ family members, friends, and neighbors, and the rich diversity of the Municipality of Anchorage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 6th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Chair

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Municipal Clerk