

**RESOLUTION 21-23**

**RECOGNIZING THE 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONEWALL RIOTS  
AND THE JUNE CELEBRATION OF PRIDE MONTH**

- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ residents of Bloomington, Indiana have made and continue to make vital contributions to the city and the state through their roles in education, law, health care, business, government, public safety, science, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sports, the arts, technology, literature, social justice, and numerous other fields; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ residents in the United States serve and have served honorably and with bravery in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals throughout the United States have served with distinction in a range of elected leadership positions in Federal, State, and local government including member of Congress, governor, mayor, city council member, county council member, clerk, and other roles; and
- WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community has faced discrimination, inequality and violence in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, throughout much of this nation's history, same-sex relationships were criminalized in many states, and many LGBTQ+ individuals were compelled to hide their LGBTQ+ identities and to live in secrecy and fear; and
- WHEREAS, According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) 2020 State Equality Index, 27 states have no explicit ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in housing; and 29 states have no express prohibition on Public Accommodations discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and
- WHEREAS According to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) there are 30 states without laws prohibiting discrimination against students based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in Indiana face disparities in employment, healthcare, education, housing, and many other areas central to the pursuit of happiness in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the demonstrators who protested a law enforcement raid of the Stonewall Inn, an LGBTQ+ club in New York City, on June 28, 1969, 52 years ago this month, were pioneers in the LGBTQ+ movement for equality; and
- WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S. Ct. 2584, 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”; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *Bostock v. Clayton County, GA*, 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020) held that discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation is a form of sex discrimination, and thus prohibited by Title VII of the City Rights Act of 1964; and
- WHEREAS, despite being marginalized throughout this nation's history, LGBTQ+ people in Bloomington, Indiana and across the country continue to celebrate their identities, love, and contributions to the United States in various expressions; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in Bloomington and across Indiana have fought for equal treatment, dignity, and respect; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in Bloomington have achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations of LGBTQ+ people in the City will enjoy a more equal and just society; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in Bloomington continues to expand, and LGBTQ+ people in Bloomington remain determined to pursue equality, respect, and inclusion for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT;

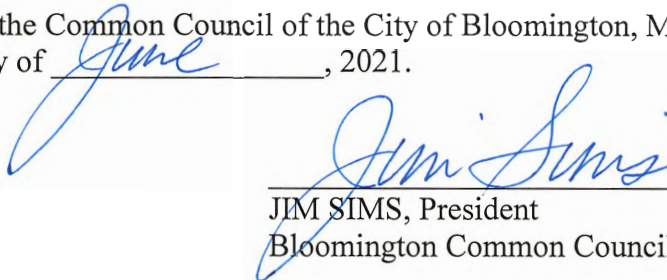
SECTION 1. The City of Bloomington supports the rights, freedoms, and equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other sexual and gender minority individuals (referred to in this resolving clause as "LGBTQ+") people in Bloomington and around the world;

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

SECTION 3. The City of Bloomington encourages the celebration of June as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in order to provide a lasting opportunity for all people in Bloomington to learn about the discrimination and inequality experienced by the LGBTQ+ community, and to celebrate the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community throughout the history of the City.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-4-6-14.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
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JIM SIMS, President  
Bloomington Common Council


ATTEST:

  
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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 25 day of June, 2021.

  
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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 25 day of June, 2021.

  
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JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Sgambelluri, Councilmember Flaherty and Councilmember Sandberg. It recognizes the substantial contributions of members of the LGBTQ+ community in our community and beyond. Further, it remembers the 1969 protests at the Stonewall Inn as a significant moment in the struggle for equality for the LGBTQ+ community, and it reaffirms the City of Bloomington's commitment to supporting the rights, freedoms, and equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other sexual and gender minority individuals.

*Note: This resolution was revised after distribution in the Legislative Packet but before being introduced at the June 16, 2021 Regular Session. The revision added Councilmember Sandberg as a co-sponsor.*

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