



Legislation Text

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Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Twin Cities Pride.

WHEREAS, in 1972 members of the LGBT community gathered in Loring Park in Minneapolis to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall riots, representing the first Twin Cities march for Gay liberation; and

WHEREAS, 50 years later, this small gathering has grown into the Twin Cities Pride Festival as we know it today; and

WHEREAS in 1972 Saint Paul would pass a human right ordinance ensuring protections for LGBT community members, which was repealed by a public referendum in 1978; and

WHEREAS the Saint Paul City Council would once again successfully pass a human rights ordinance in 1990; and

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to face discrimination in significant ways including in health care, housing, and education; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is committed to protecting our most vulnerable voices so that young, POC, and transgender community members can achieve safety, justice, and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in our city and country have achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations of LGBTQ+ people will enjoy a more equitable and just society; and

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized throughout the history of the United States, the LGBTQ+ community continues to celebrate their identities, love, and contributions in various expressions of pride;

WHEREAS, in 2013, Minnesotans, legislators, and Governor Dayton passed same-sex marriage, allowing our neighbors, friends, and family the most fundamental human right to be written into state law - the ability to marry who you love; and

WHEREAS, on June 26th, 2015, the United States Supreme Court ruled in Obergefell v. Hodges, same-sex couples have every constitutional right to marry and that states are legally required to acknowledge and protect marriages regardless of where they were licensed; and

WHEREAS, in June 2020, the Supreme Court of the United States, in a landmark decision, Bostock v Clayton, voted to ensure the protection of LGBTQ+ people from workplace discrimination under Title VII of Civil Rights Act;

WHEREAS, Saint Paul banned conversion therapy on June 17, 2020, and recognizes that no child should endure its harmful effects; Now Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Paul City Council recognizes the 50th Anniversary of Twin Cities Pride and will

continue furthering the actions around LGBTQ+ issues to ensure that Saint Paul is a community of acceptance.