



Legislation Text

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Celebrating the 51st Anniversary of Stonewall and June 2020 Pride Month.

WHEREAS, June 28, 2020 marks the 51st Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots marked a turning point in LGBTQ history when Black trans women and other trans people of color in New York fought back against police who invaded their safe spaces to arrest them for their sexual orientation and gender expression; and

WHEREAS, this moment launched a resistance centered on the dignity and rights of genderqueer people of color in the face of state violence and disenfranchisement; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Stonewall will persist because it must; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to protect our most vulnerable voices and thread them into our collective narrative, from Stonewall to present, so that our young Black trans women can hear their voice in our history; and

WHEREAS, despite continued progress, the transgender community continues to fight for 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 equal and just society;

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized throughout the history of the United States, the LGBTQ community continue 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, The Supreme Court of the United States, in a landmark decision, *Bostock v Clayton*, voted to ensure the protection of LGBTQ people from work place 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, I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, recognize the 51st Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and will continue the conversation around LGBTQ issues, and work to ensure their justice provides their community wholeness and acceptance; be it further

RESOLVED, the City of Saint Paul celebrates June 2020 Pride month, in humble solidarity.