



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To recognize Stonewall Columbus for their 34th year of service to our community, and to celebrate the 2015 Pride Parade and Festival.

**WHEREAS**, Stonewall Columbus was founded in June of 1981, on the 12th anniversary of the historic Stonewall Riots in New York City; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding, the organization has provided programming and services that enhance the well-being and visibility of Columbus's vibrant and diverse gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied (GLBTQA) community; and

**WHEREAS**, every June, Stonewall Columbus hosts the Pride holiday, a month-long celebration that culminates in the annual Pride Parade and Festival, which attract over 300,000 attendees while contributing millions of dollars to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for the 2015 Pride Festival is "Be the Change" and features Grand Marshall Jim Obergefell, an Ohioan who is fighting tirelessly to bring marriage equality to our state and America; and

**WHEREAS**, with its numerous events, activities and vendors - Pride will be held June 19th and 20th at Goodale Park, with the Pride parade stepping off downtown at 11am on the 20th; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond bringing crowds and dollars to the city and region by hosting this annual event, Stonewall Columbus embodies the pride, courage and aspiration of a community that has contributed so much to the city of Columbus; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby recognize Stonewall Columbus for their thirty-four years of service to the Central Ohio GLBTQA community, and celebrates the 2015 Pride Parade and Festival June 19-20, 2015.