



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Recognize Stonewall Columbus for their 37th year of service to our community, and to celebrate the 2018 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 their founding, the organization has provided programming, representation, and services that enhance the well-being and visibility of Columbus's vibrant and diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and intersex (LGBTQI) community; and

**WHEREAS**, every June, Stonewall Columbus hosts the Pride holiday, a month-long celebration that culminates in the annual Pride Parade and Festival that attract over 450,000 attendees, while contributing millions of dollars to the local economy and creating a safe and progressive medium for the LGBTQI community to connect with others and express themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for the 2018 Pride Festival is "Parade For All," David Brown and the Harmony Project will be honored ; and

**WHEREAS**, featuring a number of vendors, activities and events, Pride will be held from June 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> at Bicentennial and Genoa Park, with the Pride parade stepping off downtown at 10:30 am on the 16th of June; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride not only serves as a means to bring the different communities of Ohio together in recognizing the courage and fortitude of the LGBTQI community in their ongoing fight for equality and acceptance , but it also serves as a beacon of hope and motivation for those who still feel marginalized by society. Stonewall Columbus, and Pride celebrations everywhere capture the dedication and emotion of a community of people who contribute to the diversity and continued growth of our society; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby recognize Stonewall Columbus for their thirty-seven years of service to the Central Ohio LGBTQI community and celebrates the 2018 Pride Parade and Festival, June 15-17, 2018.