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Legislation Text

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To Recognize Stonewall Columbus for their 38th year of service to our community, and to celebrate the 2019 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 programing, 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 attracts over 500,000 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 2019 Pride Festival is "Power of Pride" this year's Grand Marshall is Nina West, who has contributed over 2 million dollars in support of non-profits serving the LGBTQI community; and

WHEREAS, featuring a number of vendors, activities and events, Pride will be held from June 14th through the 16th at Bicentennial and Genoa Park, parade stepping off at Goodale & High St at 10:30am on the 15th 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 fell marginalized by society. Stonewall Columbus, and Pride celebrates 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-eight years of service to the Central Ohio LGBTQI community and celebrates the 2018 Pride Parade and Festival, June 14 -16, 2019.