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| RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE |     |     |         |        |
|------------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| COUNCIL MEMBER         | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Payne                  | X   |     |         |        |
| Osman                  | X   |     |         |        |
| Chughtai               | X   |     |         |        |
| Wonsley                | X   |     |         |        |
| Rainville              | X   |     |         |        |
| Vetaw                  | X   |     |         |        |
| Warren                 | X   |     |         |        |
| Shaffer                | X   |     |         |        |
| Stevenson              | X   |     |         |        |
| Chavez                 | X   |     |         |        |
| Whiting                | X   |     |         |        |
| Chowdhury              | X   |     |         |        |
| Palmisano              | X   |     |         |        |

## MAYOR ACTION

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MAYOR

JUN 15 2026

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Presented to Mayor: JUN 12 2026

Received from Mayor: JUN 17 2026

**Recognizing June 2026 Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual Pride Month.**

Whereas, in 1974, Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and, in 1975, the first to prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity/expression, positions subsequently adopted by numerous Minnesota cities and the State itself; and

Whereas, Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to adopt an ordinance creating a domestic-partner registry; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has been steadfast in its commitment to full legal equality for same-sex couples, and in particular to end the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage, as well as a public and vocal proponent of the marriage equality statute passed in 2013 by the Minnesota State Legislature and signed by the Governor; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Council, in partnership with Minneapolis Public Schools, our legislative delegation, and numerous advocacy organizations, long advocated for the 2014 passage of the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act, providing a clear definition of bullying and focused on bullying prevention; and

Whereas, by 2015, same-sex marriage expanded to all fifty states through various state court rulings, state legislation, direct popular votes, and federal court rulings; and

Whereas, in February 2017, the City Council approved the creation of the Transgender Equity Council as an advisory board to the City on matters of importance to the transgender community; and

Whereas, in January 2018, Council Vice-President Andrea Jenkins and Council Member Phillipe Cunningham were sworn in as the first openly transgender Council Members elected to the Minneapolis City Council and the first two openly Black transgender individuals elected to any City Council in the United States; and

Whereas, in 2019, the City banned conversion therapy for minors, and in 2021, Governor Tim Walz signed an executive order restricting conversion therapy throughout the entire State of Minnesota; and

Whereas, in 2021, City employees organized to create the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) employee resource group, for people who identify as Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (2SLGBTQIA+) and allies, who help drive diversity and inclusion strategy and ensure we have a workforce that reflects the community we serve; and

Whereas, in January 2022, Council Member Jason Chavez was sworn in as the first LGBTQ+ Latinx Council Member elected to the Minneapolis City Council, and Council Vice-President Andrea Jenkins was elected by her Council colleagues as the first Black openly transgender Council President in the United States; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has a thriving 2SLGBTQIA+ community, sustaining and sustained by so many welcoming organizations, places of worship, businesses, neighborhoods, schools, events, and more; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has benefited from the service and talents of numerous 2SLGBTQIA+ elected officials, on the City Council, the Park & Recreation Board, the Board of Estimate & Taxation, and in both the Minnesota House and Senate, as well as of countless appointed officials and City employees; and

Whereas, Minneapolis annually hosts the Twin Cities Pride Festival, the city's largest outdoor festival, in which Loring Park is turned into a forum for celebrating 2SLGBTQIA+ pride and those, including allies, who work for it; and

Whereas, Minneapolis, annually, hosts Minneapolis People's Pride at Powderhorn Park which intends to be a space for all 2SLGBTQIA+ folks to experience joy, eat food, trade art, and create a space for rest, collaboration, and love, centering those most marginalized and affected; and

Whereas, in 2022 the City of Minneapolis and in 2023 the State of Minnesota issued Executive Orders to protect and support the rights of Minnesota's 2SLGBTQIA+ community members to safely seek and receive gender affirming health care services, and an accompanying bill was passed at the Legislature in 2023. In 2025 a new state law took effect requiring health plans that cover physical or mental health services to cover medically necessary gender-affirming care; and

Whereas, through this classification, the City of Minneapolis will continue to work with internal City departments to embed 2SLGBTQIA+ equity within the City of Minneapolis, as an organization, to provide improved services, programming, and policy making, that impacts those who are most marginalized within the 2SLGBTQIA+ community; and

Whereas, in 2022, the City of Minneapolis established the job classification of 2SLGBTQIA+ Equity Program Manager, a classification that was created as a direct result of the advocacy and hard work of community members who were a part of the Trans Equity Council; and

Whereas, in June 2023, City Council passed a resolution honoring drag performance and drag culture as a form of free speech, thereby supporting the rights of all individuals to express themselves freely and openly and stand in support of drag artists and performers everywhere; and

Whereas, in December 2024, City Council funded a 2SLGBTQIA+ Mental Health Program, to support the work of a community-based organization that delivers direct, affirming, and holistic mental health services to support the wellbeing of 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals; and

Whereas, in 2025, the City of Minneapolis awarded a mini-grant to QueerSpace Collective who supported trans youth mental health by reducing social isolation by fostering peer and mentor connections, building resilience through skill-building, and increasing self-confidence by trying new things in a safe and affirming environment; and

Whereas, in 2025, the City of Minneapolis awarded a mini grant to the Family Tree Clinic that planned and hosted an event for trans youth to provide them with support and let them know they are cared for and appreciated. They had gender-affirming activities, books and care packages for participants and a local resource directory available; and

Whereas, on February 19, 2026, the Minneapolis City Council adopted a resolution denouncing the Trump Administration's attack on gender affirming care for youth; and

Whereas, across the United States, 2SLGBTQIA+ communities continue to face growing threats, including harmful legislation targeting transgender youth, drag performers, gender affirming healthcare, self-expression and inclusive curricula; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis stands firm in opposing such efforts and remains committed to being a safe, welcoming, and affirming city for all;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize June 2026 as “Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual Pride Month” in the City of Minneapolis, and that residents and visitors are encouraged to join the events celebrating Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual Pride Month throughout the city, and to support the ongoing efforts to advance full 2SLGBTQIA+ equity across Minnesota.



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