



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

By: Chavez, Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Osman, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury, and Palmisano

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: 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—

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.

Passed this the Eleventh Day of June 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk