



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution recognizing Saturday, June 1 to Sunday, June 30, 2024 as the “Nashville Pride Month”, celebrating the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer communities and their enormous contributions to the quality of life in Nashville and Davidson County, and further recognizing the 36th anniversary of the first Nashville Pride event.

WHEREAS, Our Pride Encompasses Nashville (Nashville Pride) has been a strong advocate and supporter of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) communities throughout Middle Tennessee and is celebrating Nashville Pride in the city of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the city of Nashville remains honored to welcome members of the LGBTQ community and their allies to celebrate a very special and important event honoring the diversity, inclusion, and history of the pride and gay rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Pride celebration and movement continues to grow and celebrates inclusion as a necessary ingredient to making Nashville and the United States truly diverse. Nashville Pride has grown immensely and is now one of the largest public weekend festivals in Middle Tennessee, reminding us to embrace what makes each individual unique and to use those qualities to change the world for the better; and

WHEREAS, the Pride movement has an auspicious history in the U.S. and Nashville. Early on the morning of Saturday, June 28th, 1969, LGBTQ persons rioted following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar at 43 Christopher Street in New York City. In Nashville, the first pride parade took place in 1988, not with a riot but as a positive stance against discrimination and violence toward LGBTQ people. The parade promoted self-affirmation, dignity, equal rights, and increased the visibility of LGBTQ persons as a social group to build community; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 10th anniversary of the preliminary injunction issued in *Tanco v. Haslam*, which U.S. District Court Judge Aleta Trauger ruled that the state of Tennessee must recognize the marriages of the same-sex plaintiffs. While this case was appealed, it was consolidated with three other cases and part of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the U.S. Supreme Court case that led to same-sex marriages legalized in Tennessee and across the country; and

WHEREAS, this year also marks the 36th consecutive Pride event in Nashville. This year’s Nashville Pride Festival will be held June 22nd & 23rd, 2024 at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County would like to thank the Nashville Pride Board of Directors, Working Groups, sponsors and all of the volunteers for their continued support and commitment to the mission of Nashville Pride over the past 36 years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing Saturday, June 1 to Sunday, June 30, 2024 to be “Nashville Pride Month” in Nashville, celebrating the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer communities and their enormous contributions to the quality of life in the City of Nashville.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.