

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR MICHAEL DYLAN BRENNAN

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE STONEWALL UPRISING, BEGINNING THE LGBTQIA CIVIL
RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

Whereas, the City of University Heights is a diverse community comprised of people from all walks of life and a multitude of backgrounds, living together in harmony; and

Whereas, the people who make up the LGBTQIA Community, being people who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex, Asexual/Aromantic together with their Allies, are our friends, family, neighbors, seeking acceptance for who they are within the greater community; and

Whereas, on June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, an establishment popular among the gay community, customers of the Stonewall resisted the efforts by authorities to enforce laws meant to intimidate them, galvanizing the community in New York City and across the country, leading to the first Pride demonstrations and efforts at acceptance, culminating in the modern movement for LGBTQIA civil rights; and

Whereas, the LGBTQIA civil rights movement has made significant progress in the pursuit of equal rights and protections under the law, but noting that the work is continuing and far from complete; and

Whereas, the City of University Heights raised the Pride Flag at City Hall this month for the first time, in celebration of Pride Month, and while public reception has been overwhelmingly positive and favorable to the display, the outlying opposition indicates that we still have a way to go before achieving full acceptance; and

Whereas, the arc of the moral universe is long but nevertheless bends towards justice, and that the virtuous pursuit of justice must be tireless and relentless; and

Whereas, the month of June is widely recognized as Pride Month in communities throughout our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED JOINTLY BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. We hereby (i) commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising for launching the modern civil rights movement for LGBTQIA, (ii) recognize the LGBTQIA community for its many and varied contributions that have enriched our civic life, (iii) celebrate the progress made in creating a more just, inclusive, and accepting society, and (iv) affirm the continued efforts at a more accepting society, until the members of the LGBTQIA community are afforded the same rights and responsibilities sought by all Americans.

Section 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby instructed to distribute notice of the passage of this Resolution in her usual and customary way.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. This resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of University Heights. It shall therefore become effective upon its passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of Council and approval of the Mayor; otherwise, it shall become effective at the earliest time allowed by law.


CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS


Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor

Passed: 06/17/2019

ATTEST:

Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Luke F. McConville, Law Director