

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING) RESOLUTION NO. 16-4719
JUNE AS LGBTQ PRIDE) Introduced by Council President Tom Hughes
MONTH IN THE METRO REGION)

WHEREAS, Metro is committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to address systemic inequities that impact our communities by providing support and tools to Metro Council and staff, and community partners to create an equitable region for all; and

WHEREAS, equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination are among the basic and inalienable moral rights of every person, necessary for the development and exercise of our most vital capacities and preconditions of human flourishing; and

WHEREAS, June marks the annual recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, this month was chosen to commemorate the dedication, bravery, and sacrifice of those who led the uprising at Stonewall in Greenwich Village in June 1969, which sparked the modern LGBTQ rights movement in the United States; and

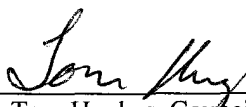
WHEREAS, our nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes that every person has been created equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; and

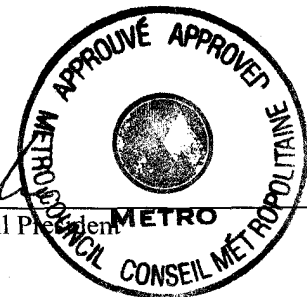
WHEREAS, over the course of our nation's history the sphere of its moral recognition has expanded to include many persons previously marginalized, disenfranchised and subjugated; yet this recognition remains imperfect and this expansion incomplete; and

WHEREAS, the Metro region is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, religious and gender identities and sexual orientations of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of the region; now therefore,

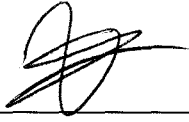
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council proclaims June as LGBTQ Pride Month. The Council encourages all Metro residents to celebrate and continue the progress within our culture towards justice, equality and full civic recognition for the LGBTQ community.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 23 day of June 2016.


Tom Hughes, Council President



Approved as to Form:



Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

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