



RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** *Harris County is home to many who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and non-binary who are racially diverse, from all socioeconomic and educational levels, with equally diverse occupations, faith practices and political beliefs; and*
- WHEREAS,** *LGBTQ residents of Harris County contribute to the community as business owners, educators, parents, leaders, innovators, medical practitioners, scientists, artists, athletes and more; and*
- WHEREAS** *beginning in 1970, Pride Month has been observed in the U.S. in tribute to those individuals involved in the Stonewall riots which began as a result of police raids on June 28, 1969 at the Stonewall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village in New York City; and*
- WHEREAS,** *what followed were six days of protests by the LGBTQ community demanding safe places where all could be open about their sexual orientation and not fear arrest, which led to the gay rights movement for equality and one year later, the first Pride parade march; and*
- WHEREAS,** *LGBTQ youth are at increased risk of suicide, homelessness, bullying and violence, and transgender individuals, particularly black transgender women, face a high risk of violent hate crimes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *LGBTQ people in our community face lack of legal protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in the workplace, public accommodations, healthcare, education and housing; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Pride Houston's annual celebration includes educational and historical events recognizing the contributions of LGBTQ members in our community and promoting tolerance resulting in positive changes for our LGBTQ family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and employees; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in June the LGBTQ community, family and allies take this time to celebrate acceptance and love, remembering those that have championed and fought for equal treatment, dignity, and respect;*



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BE IT RESOLVED, *that Harris County Commissioners Court celebrates the month of June 2020 as LGBTQ Pride Month in Harris County, and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that these words be spread upon the minutes of Harris County Commissioners Court.*

ADOPTED *this 9th day of June, 2020.*

Lina Hidalgo
County Judge

Rodney Ellis
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Adrian Garcia
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Steve Radack
Commissioner, Precinct 3

R. Jack Cagle
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Attest:

Christopher G. Hollins
County Clerk