

RESOLUTION NO.: 82-2024
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Thomas and All of Council

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING JUNE 2024 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH.

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights is a community that values and seeks diversity of its residents;

WHEREAS, in an effort to further build and strengthen our communities and nation, it is proper to value the LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus others) community members as colleagues and neighbors, daughters and sons, sisters and brothers, friends and partners;

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that much has been accomplished over the last generation to promote equality and justice, as society and its laws reflect that diversity and tolerance are a strength in a progressive culture, yet many challenges still remain, as prejudice against members of the LGBTQ+ community can still erupt into acts of hatred, violence, and discrimination;

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights is committed to equal rights for all Americans and is therefore proud to support all those committed to justice and equality in a crusade to outlaw discriminatory practices and to protect the LGBTQ community from prejudice and persecution; and

WHEREAS, many communities and organizations across the United States will celebrate June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to recognize the contributions that LGBTQ+ Americans have made to our society and the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio wishes to join with those communities and organizations in this celebration and acknowledgement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby:

- (i) Acknowledge June 2024 to be LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio;
- (ii) Recognize the LGBTQ+ community for its many and varied contributions that have enriched our civic life;
- (iii) Celebrate the progress made in creating a society more inclusive and accepting of the LGBTQ+ community; and
- (iv) Affirm continued efforts to break down the walls of fear and prejudice and work to build a bridge to understanding and tolerance, so that the members of the LGBTQ+ community are afforded the same rights and responsibilities as all Americans.

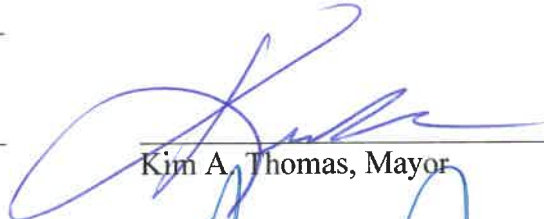
SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

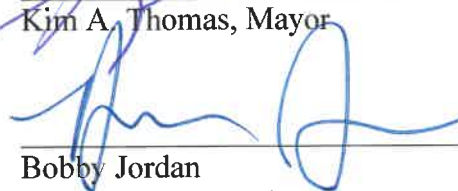
SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: June 11, 2024

APPROVED: June 11, 2024

ATTEST: Tracey Blair
Tracey Blair
Clerk of Council



Kim A. Thomas, Mayor


Bobby Jordan
President of Council