

Richland County Rules & Resolutions Committee

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Agenda Item Name: LGBTQ Pride Month

Department	n/a (County Board)	Presented By:	Shaun Murphy-Lopez
Date of Meeting:	6/3/21	Action Needed:	Resolution
Disclosure:	Open Session	Authority:	Committee Structure, Section D
Date submitted:	6/2/21	Referred by:	None

Recommendation and/or action language:

Recommend a motion, to present a resolution to the County Board celebrating LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) Pride Month.

Background:

June is LGBTQ Pride Month, an annual observance commemorating the Stonewall riots which occurred on June 28, 1969 in New York City. At the time, relationships between same-sex couples were illegal, homosexuality was listed as a mental disorder by the American Psychiatric Association, and discrimination against LGBTQ people was widespread in the United States. Police raids of gay bars and subsequent arrests of patrons were routine. Patrons of the Stonewall Inn rioted that night as police were raiding the bar, and demonstrations spread on subsequent nights. The Stonewall riots are widely considered to be one of the most important events leading to the LGBTQ liberation movement and were followed by the first gay pride parade in June 1970 in New York City, as well as several other cities throughout the country.

In Richland County, there have been many LGBTQ residents over past decades, and openness has become more common recently with changes in views on sexuality. However, there is currently little known about Richland County residents who were part of the LGBTQ community, due to past and lingering social stigmas. A resolution is drafted below for the committee's consideration:

A Resolution Celebrating LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Pride Month

WHEREAS the County Board wants to join in the celebration of June as LGBTQ Pride Month, which was born out of the Stonewall uprising in New York City on June 28, 1970, and

WHEREAS LGBTQ people have struggled with adversity to achieve full inclusion in American society, and

WHEREAS notable LGBTQ Richland County residents from our past have not been documented, due to past and lingering social stigmas associated with being a member of this community, and

WHEREAS unnamed LGBTQ people across many centuries have held careers and raised families in Richland County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that the County Board hereby celebrates June as LGBTQ Pride Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board encourages residents to learn about and embrace the historical contributions of LGBTQ people in Richland County, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

Attachments and References:

Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

Approval:

Review:

Department Head

Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)
