

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month was initially inspired by the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and works to achieve equal justice and opportunity for LGBTQIA+ Americans, as well as recognize the impact that LGBTQIA+ individuals have had on society locally, nationally, and internationally, and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots where a series of demonstrations in which members of the LGBTQIA+ community protested police raids and harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots marked the beginning of the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ movement and its allies have fought hard to give the community the right to marry, to start families, to fight discrimination, hate speech and hate crimes the work still continues, and

WHEREAS, the annual Chicago Pride Parade is now iconic and one of the largest Pride events in the country in which residents throughout Cook County and the nation have the opportunity to celebrate and stand as one with the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and friends; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2021 we will also celebrate 6 years when the Supreme Court of the United States ruled all fifty states perform and recognize the marriages of same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community is an important contributor to the diverse and vibrant communities across Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 to be PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recommit to strengthening the advancement of equality for the LGBT community of Cook County.