

**Proclamation No. 20-0567
Denver PRIDE Month &
The Center on Colfax Day**

WHEREAS, June marks the 51st anniversary of Stonewall, the beginning of the modern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer rights movement, resulting in the recognition of June throughout the world and in Denver as Pride month to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of LGBTQ members of society; and

WHEREAS, The Center on Colfax has provided a strong voice for Denver's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities for 44 years, playing a pivotal role in initiatives aimed at reducing harassment and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The Center has been an important partner to the City and County of Denver it is work to advance social, economic and political equality for all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Center works tirelessly to ensure that every member of Denver's LGBTQ community has access to the programs they need to live happy, healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Denver has a long history of being a city where the LGBTQ community and allies work tirelessly to advance local and national policy and dialogue around acceptance, civil rights, and human rights for the LGBTQ community, and Denver has served as a pioneer for many policy protections; and

WHEREAS, Denver PrideFest is historically one of the largest pride celebrations in the Rocky Mountain region, drawing annual attendance of a half million people, generating positive economic impact and embodying the Mile High City's progressive, open spirit;

WHEREAS, The Center will host the 45th annual Denver PrideFest online on June 20 and 21, transferring one of the city's most colorful and treasured summer events into a virtual celebration in an effort to promote health and wellness in the community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:


Section 1: Declaring June 2020 as Pride month in the City and County of Denver.

Section 2: Declaring June 19, 2020 as The Center on Colfax Day.

Section 3: That the Council hereby recognizes the long standing, hard work of our LGBTQ community for advancing inclusivity.

Section 4: That the clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to Rex Fuller, CEO of The Center.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 15, 2020

 PRESIDENT