

Proclamation No. 19-0569 Denver is Open to All

WHEREAS, June marks the 50th 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, One Colorado is a non-profit advocacy organization that works tirelessly to protect and preserve the vitality of our community by opposing discrimination in any form, and has launched the historic Open to All Colorado campaign; and

WHEREAS, Open to All Colorado is the first statewide campaign working to build understanding and promote discussion about the importance of our nation's and state's nondiscrimination laws within the private sector, inviting businesses to recommit themselves to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all; and

WHEREAS, Open to All Colorado upholds the principle that no person should be harassed or denied service on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion or disability; 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, June will kick-off the historic Denver Open to All campaign, where Open to All Colorado, One Colorado, the City of Denver, our agencies, Denver City Council, community partners, and Denver businesses will join together and pledge that we will welcome everyone into our doors.

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

Section 1: Declaring June 2019 as Pride month in the City and County of Denver.

Section 2: Announcing that the Council of the City and County of Denver is proud to be Open to All.

Section 3: That the Council hereby recognizes the work of One Colorado and Open to All Colorado 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 One Colorado.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 10, 2019

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