

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0932 Recognizing the 52nd Anniversary of Denver PRIDE

WHEREAS June marks the 56th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, marking the beginning of the modern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual rights movement, resulting in the recognition of June throughout the world and in Denver as Pride month to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of LGBTQIA+ communities; and

WHEREAS The Center on Colfax has provided a strong voice for Denver's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities for 50 years, playing a pivotal role in initiatives aimed at reducing harassment and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, One Colorado, the state's leading advocacy organization for LGBTQIA+ Coloradans and their families, has helped advance and defend policies that protect LGBTQIA+ people in healthcare, education, employment, housing, and public life, strengthening communities throughout Denver and Colorado; and

WHEREAS One Colorado has been a leading voice in protecting the dignity, safety, and freedom of transgender Coloradans, working alongside community members, families, healthcare providers, and advocates to ensure that all people can live as their authentic selves; and

WHEREAS Denver Pride has grown to be the largest pride event in the Rocky Mountain west, attracting visitors from across the state and region and generating an economic impact on the City and County of Denver in excess of \$25 million; and

WHEREAS The Center on Colfax produces Denver Pride each year. Proceeds support year-round programming benefitting the community, including programs for youth, young adults, older adults and the transgender community, as well as providing workplace training on LGBTQIA+-related issues, preservation of LGBTQIA+ history, and free mental health services for community members; and

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

WHEREAS The Center on Colfax will host the 52nd annual Denver PrideFest on June 27 and 28, including vendors, exhibitors, and upwards of 555,000 people, over two full days of entertainment and community fun.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby designates June 2026 as Pride month in the City and County of Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Kim Salvaggio, CEO of The Center on Colfax and Nadine Bridges, Executive Director of One Colorado.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 22, 2026

PRESIDENT