

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-0751 Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Denver PRIDE Events

WHEREAS, June marks the 54th 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 LGBTQIA+ communities; and

WHEREAS, The Center on Colfax has provided a strong voice for Denver's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities for 48 years, playing a pivotal role in initiatives aimed at reducing harassment and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, One Colorado is the state's leading advocacy organization dedicated to advancing equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Coloradans and their families; 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 50th annual Denver PrideFest on June 22 and 23, 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby designates June 2024 as Pride month in the City and County of Denver.

Section 2. That the Council recognizes the occasion of the 50th annual Pride celebration and commends the members of The Center on Colfax, One Colorado and the many other LGBTQIA+ organizations for their leadership creating a vibrant and welcoming city for all.

Section 3. 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 on Colfax and Nadine Bridges, Executive Director of One Colorado.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 3, 2024

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PRESIDENT

