

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 305075

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 22 2009

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender [LGBT] San Diegans are commemorating the community's rich history of courage, spirit, achievement, and activism by organizing the 35th annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride celebration, with the theme of "Stonewall 2.0 – Activism for Equality," commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York City, and the 35th anniversary of the first Pride march in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, this year's events feature a countywide rainbow flag raising, the largest Pride Parade in Southern California, a two-day festival, a 5K run and walk, recycling and community clean up events, arts and culture events and a community breakfast, and promise to be the most impactful celebration attracting participants from throughout San Diego County and visitors from every state in the union to Hillcrest and Balboa Park; and

WHEREAS, San Diego has a rich history of LGBT civil rights actions, from grassroots beginnings when those who marched wore bags over their heads for fear of retribution, to what is now the largest annual single-day civic event in San Diego, drawing more than 250,000 participants to the various Pride events; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to honor the lifetime partnerships of Vern Miller and Ray Wooding, who have been together for 50 years, and Linda Smith and Niki Morehead, who have been together 34 years; and recognize that these two inspirational couples reflect the many fulfilling partnerships that exist throughout San Diego and who put a human face on the importance of achieving full equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Pride has a significant positive impact on the local economy by bringing in more than \$21 million to local businesses each year through the parade and festival, thereby helping to create a strong economy for the entire region, while at the same time donating more than \$1.3 million to local LGBT organizations since 1994; and

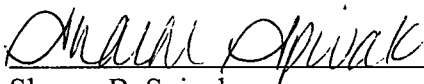
WHEREAS, members of the LGBT community have made valuable contributions in business, the arts, the military, volunteerism, leadership, religion, medicine, law, environmental protection, athletics, civil rights, and education; and they continue to lead the larger community in addressing and remedying the many problems posed by issues such as the HIV/AIDS pandemic, hate crimes, lack of accessibility for the disabled, and discrimination; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize the many civic contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community in San Diego, and encourages all people to share in the pride of the City of San Diego's diverse citizenry by participating in the 35th annual San Diego LGBT Pride Month Celebration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of July 2009, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH**" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By

  
Sharon B. Spivak  
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUL 14 2009.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7-22-09  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor