

## A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONEWALL RIOTS (JUNE 28, 1969)



WHEREAS, On June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village, members of our lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community took a nearly-unprecedented move against oppression and brutality; and

WHEREAS, These community members – many of whom were oppressed and marginalized in myriad intersecting ways – found the bravery and courage to resist police violence and unjust harassment, thereby serving as a focal point and giving birth to our modern movement for LGBTQ equality; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people across the United States first commemorated the Stonewall Riots with the first Christopher Street Liberation Day march on June 28, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Forty-five years after the Riots and forty-four years after the first Christopher Street Liberation Day march, LGBTQ people across the United States and world each June continue to commemorate this historic day, which also gave rise to our modern-day Christopher Street Liberation Day and Pride events; and

WHEREAS, In the resulting forty-five years, the LGBTQ community, with the steadfast support of its allies, has made tremendous progress toward equality and liberation in Charlotte, in North Carolina, throughout the nation and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, These continued celebrations give each of us the opportunity to remember, celebrate and foster the tradition and spirit of Pride and equality in the ways each of us feel most dear and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Pride, Inc., is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of North Carolina which presents an annual Pride festival and parade marking and commemorating this history; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Pride, Inc., has itself recommitted to marking this history by reintroducing an annual Pride parade in August 2013, with the goal of creating a new annual tradition for this city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Executive Committee of Charlotte Pride, Inc., pauses to remember and celebrate the memory of those who came before us – those who stood bravely during the Stonewall Riots and those who catapulted our movement to great successes in the decades since; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Executive Committee of Charlotte Pride, Inc., invites on all members of our community and all people of goodwill to join with us as we commemorate the forty-fifth anniversary of this historic event and endeavor to fulfill our mission to empower all LGBTQ and allied people to stand as unique individuals and together as a community, with the purpose of uniting as a creative, social, economic and influential force.

Passed this 19th day of June 2014 with the unanimous consent of the Executive Committee of Charlotte Pride, Inc.

Signed on behalf of the committee:

Richard Grimstad, Director

Craig Hopkins, Director