

A RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE STONEWALL RIOTS OF 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 political, social, legal, and police oppression, resulting in the multiple-day Stonewall Riots and Rebellion; and

WHEREAS, These community members – many of whom identified among the most oppressed and marginalized in our community, including transgender people, people of color, people experiencing homelessness, sex workers, and young people – summoned the courage and conviction to stand for the most timeless and cherished human values of freedom and liberation; and

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

WHEREAS, Each annual commemoration of these landmark riots has thus inspired continued movement toward equality and inclusion, as well as the annual Pride festivals and parades celebrated across the globe each year today, including celebrations and commemorations in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this year on August 18 and 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQ community will come together in solidarity to mark the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and Rebellion in 2019; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

We, the members of the Board of Directors of Charlotte Pride, Inc., recommit ourselves to the timeless values of self-evident and universal equality which underpin our movement toward LGBTQ liberation, inspired our nation's founding, and which continue to shape our evolving national conscience; and

We reaffirm our commitment to the core mission, vision, and values which guide our organization and call us to continued efforts to more authentically represent and celebrate the people for whom the Liberation Movement was begun; and

We commit to using the next year to prepare ourselves and our community for the upcoming Stonewall semi-centennial celebration, offering our community unique opportunities to honor our collective history and the contributions of those who first initiated the Stonewall Riots and Rebellion of 1969 and founded the resulting Liberation Movement.

PASSED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHARLOTTE PRIDE, INC.

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