

# **A RESOLUTION**

## COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONEWALL RIOTS & UPRISING OF JUNE 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 Uprising; 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 & Uprising with the first Christopher Street Liberation Day March on June 28, 1970, and

**WHEREAS,** Each annual commemoration of this landmark uprising 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 with special commemorations in June 2019, and with the Charlotte Pride Festival & Parade on August 17 and 18, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** The LGBTQ community across the globe comes together in solidarity this year to mark the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots & Uprising, including commemorations in Charlotte on Saturday, June 15, 2019;

### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

We, the members of the Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers of Charlotte Pride, Inc., thoughtfully and intentionally set aside these special days on June 15, 2019, and on August 17 and 18, 2019, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and Uprising; 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 ourselves to the ever-evolving work of honoring the collective history and contributions of those who first initiated the Stonewall Riots and Uprising of 1969 and founded the resulting Liberation Movement.

**PASSED THIS SIXTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**

**BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHARLOTTE PRIDE, INC.**

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