

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 4, 2019

To recognize and honor the Capital Pride Alliance and the 2019 Capital Pride Festival, the 44th Annual celebration of the District of Columbia’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual communities.

WHEREAS, the theme for Capital Pride 2019 is “shhhOUT: Past, Present & Proud,” which will celebrate the remarkable diversity within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual communities in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, June 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York City, where a series of spontaneous patrons of the Stonewall Inn openly demonstrated against repressive police practices and other political and social abuses that stemmed from widespread ignorance about, and prejudice against, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual communities;

WHEREAS, Capital Pride 2019, sponsored by the Capital Pride Alliance, observes the Stonewall Uprising as an occasion for a joyous reaffirmation of the human dignity and human rights of all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual communities;

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Festival will provide a full week of cultural, political, social, religious, athletic, and community service events from May 31 through June 9, 2019, which will offer an eclectic experience for all in attendance and will culminate in the Annual Capital Pride Parade on June 8th;

WHEREAS, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual communities of the District of Columbia have been a strong and positive force in the city and encompasses women and men of every race, age, and religion and from every walk of life, as well as individuals who significantly contribute to the political, social, and cultural life of our LGBTQIA community; and

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WHEREAS, this annual event reflects the hard work and dedication of the Capital Alliance Board of Directors and Production Team; event sponsors Marriott International, Live Casino and Hotel, HOT 99.5 FM, Pepco, Capitol One, Washington Blade, Whitman-Walker Health, Human Rights Campaign, and others; and hundreds of volunteers from across the Washington Metropolitan area who make this legendary festival a success every year.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “44th Annual Capital Pride Festival Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Capital Pride Alliance and all who contribute to the success of Capital Pride 2019.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.