

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL**

No.

- WHEREAS: The City of Newport is a vibrant, forward-looking, and welcoming community built upon a strong sense of place and cultural heritage. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the city for its rich history and community diversity, and overall quality of life. We are committed to charting a course for our future that embraces and encourages safety and inclusion for all; AND
- WHEREAS: June has long been recognized as LGBTQ+ Pride Month, in honor of the Stonewall riots, which took place in New York City in June 1969. During Pride Month, it is not uncommon to see the rainbow colors being proudly displayed as a symbol for the LGBTQ rights movement; AND
- WHEREAS: According to the article, 'Problems Faced by LGBT People in the Mainstream Society: Some Recommendations', published in the 'International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies', "Lack of social recognition has an effect on the capacity of LGBT+ [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender] people to fully access and enjoy their rights as citizens. They are more likely to experience intolerance, discrimination, harassment, and the threat of violence due to their sexual orientation, than those that identify themselves as heterosexual."; AND
- WHEREAS: Cities such as Washington, District of Columbia; Atlanta, Georgia; Key West, Florida; Miami Beach, Florida; Seattle, Washington; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; West Hollywood, California; San Francisco, California; Northampton, Massachusetts; Phoenix, Arizona; and Houston, Texas are some of the American cities that proudly house permanent rainbow/pride crosswalks in support of the LGBT community; AND
- WHEREAS: Rainbow pride crosswalks are public crosswalks that have been repainted in rainbow colors, which have been adopted by the LGBTQ+ community as a symbol of greater acceptance and rights for LGBTQ+ causes and beliefs. Cities all over North America have made the LGBTQ+ community feel more at home by creating rainbow crosswalks to honor, support and stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community; AND
- WHEREAS: There have been three identified crosswalk surrounding Equality Park that will be painted in rainbow pride colors recognizing; AND

WHEREAS: This will not have a fiscal impact on the city's budget as this will be fully funded and maintained by Newport Pride; AND

RESOLVED: The city administration along with Newport Pride organization with collaborate and work together in order to create a rainbow/pride Crosswalks surrounding Equality Park as a symbol of support and inclusivity for one of the most marginalized communities in the United States of America.

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