

Resolution _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE PRIDE FLAG AS AN OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE CITY OF MISSOULA

WHEREAS, the month of June is nationally recognized as PRIDE Month, celebrating the history, resilience, and contributions of LGBTQIA+ individuals and communities;

WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature passed House Bill No. 819, which establishes a protocol for the display of flags by municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Montana Code Annotated allows municipalities to display official flags of the municipality, and nowhere in Montana law is a limit placed on the number of official flags a municipality may adopt;

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula seeks to abide by the intention of Montana State law that states government property should create an inclusive space where everyone feels welcome;

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula recognizes the distinction between official government displays—such as those on flagpoles or within council chambers—and personal areas or spaces that are clearly decorated by individual employees, which are not and shall not be construed as official government displays;

WHEREAS, the Missoula City Council seeks to memorialize the PRIDE Flag as an official flag of the City of Missoula, affirming the City's commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and the recognition of LGBTQIA+ residents and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MISSOULA, MONTANA:

Section 1

For purposes of compliance with Montana law, the PRIDE Flag is hereby declared an official flag of the City of Missoula.

Section 2

All flags representing portions of the PRIDE Flag may be flown in place of or alongside the PRIDE Flag as official flags of Missoula.

Section 3

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and approval.