

**CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING
Maple Heights Senior Center**

June 7, 2023

7:00 p.m.

**ADDENDUM FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF JUNE 7, 2023**

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-59

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2023 AS “LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH” IN THE
CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Reading 1 (Trojanski)

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INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Richard Trojanski

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

CO-SPONSORED BY:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2023 AS "LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, all persons are welcome in the City of Maple Heights to live, work, play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

WHEREAS, Pride month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQ+ and allied friends rose up and fought against the constant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus (LGBTQ+) community which strengthen our social welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Flag, also known as the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag or Gay Pride Flag, has been used since the 1970s as a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride and social movements; and

WHEREAS, flying the Rainbow Flag throughout the month of June further symbolizes the recognition of June as LGBTQ+ Pride month, and encourages the celebration and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio that:

Section 1. Council of the City of Maple Heights hereby declares June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Maple Heights.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, safety and general welfare of the City and for the further reason to support the LGBTQ+ community and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2023

Ron Jackson, Council President

Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to Legal form:

Frank Consolo, Director of Law

ATTEST: _____
Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

I, Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of the original as contained in the records of my office and that the same has been and will remain duly posted as required by law

Date: _____

Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council