

RESOLUTION NO. 75
PrideFest 2016

WHEREAS, the 2016 St. Louis PrideFest, themed “Solidary Through Pride,” marks the 34th Anniversary of a festival that—for over three decades—has attracted hundreds of thousands of attendees annually in celebration of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) liberation movement in St. Louis and the world; and

WHEREAS, this annual festival gives the all-volunteer Pride St. Louis an opportunity to increase awareness, build community, and unify LGBTQIA+ members and allies against the discrimination, violence, prejudice and intolerance the community faces; and

WHEREAS, on Stonewall Weekend in the City of St. Louis, more than 250,000 attendees gather to celebrate diversity, embrace love in all forms, and—in 2016—to honor and remember the 49 victims who lost their lives on June 12, 2016, in the deadliest mass shooting in recent U.S. history at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the love and support expressed the next day when more than 2,000 mourners filled the St. Louis Transgender Memorial Garden to pay tribute to the lives of those lost:

Stanley Almodovar III
Amanda Alvear
Oscar A Aracena-Montero
Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala
Antonio Davon Brown
Darryl Roman Burt II
Angel L. Candelario-Padro
Juan Chevez-Martinez
Luis Daniel Conde
Cory James Connell
Tevin Eugene Crosby
Deonka Deidra Drayton
Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez
Leroy Valentin Fernandez
Mercedes Marisol Flores
Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz
Juan Ramon Guerrero
Paul Terrell Henry
Frank Hernandez
Miguel Angel Honorato
Javier Jorge-Reyes
Jason Benjamin Josaphat
Eddie Jamoldroy Justice
Anthony Luis Laureanodisla

Christopher Andrew Leinonen
Alejandro Barrios Martinez
Brenda Lee Marquez McCool
Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez
Kimberly Morris
Akyra Monet Murray
Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo
Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez
Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera
Joel Rayon Paniagua
Jean Carlos Mendez Perez
Enrique L. Rios, Jr.
Jean C. Nives Rodriguez
Xavier Emmanuel Serrano
Rosado
Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz
Yilmary Rodriguez Solivan
Edward Sotomayor Jr.
Shane Evan Tomlinson
Martin Benitez Torres
Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega
Juan P. Rivera Velazquez
Luis S. Vielma
Franky Jimmy Dejesus
Velazquez
Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon
Jerald Arthur Wright

and to express condolences to the families and friends who tragically lost loved ones in this massacre fueled by hatred and homophobia; and

WHEREAS, we commend Pride St. Louis, the Pride Board, and President Matt Harper for empowering the community throughout the year through a scholarship program that provided nearly \$20,000 to LGBTQIA+ members this past year; and

WHEREAS, we join Pride St. Louis in honoring Andrew Shaunghnessy, the 2016 recipient of the Felton T. Day Community Service Award, the Metropolitan Trans Umbrella Group (MTUG), recipient of the Jim Hoefler

Organization Award, Lauren Rapp, the recipient of the Chuck Charleston Award, and Dennis Gorg, the 2016 recipient of the Lisa Wagaman Lifetime Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, through this resolution the Board of Aldermen further expresses our support for the rights, freedoms, and equality of all members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and stands in solidarity with PrideFest in efforts to advance the hard work of a liberation movement that began more than 40 years ago.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and applaud Pride St. Louis for its dedication to the advancement of the LGBTQIA+ community in the City of St. Louis and beyond. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 24th day of June, 2016, by:

The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward
The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
The Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward
The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
The Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward
The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
The Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward
The Honorable Stephen Conway, Alderman 8th Ward
The Honorable Kenneth Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward
The Honorable Thomas Villa, Alderman 11th Ward
The Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward
The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward
The Honorable Megan-Ellyia Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward
The Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward
The Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward
The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward
The Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward
The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
The Honorable Scott Ogilvie, Alderman 24th Ward
The Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward
The Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward
The Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 24th day of June, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen