

RESOLUTION NO. ___ OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JUNE 2022 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER: LEVETTE FULLER

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated around the world every year in the month of June; and

WHEREAS, June is the month chosen for LGBTQ+ Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots that occurred in New York City on June 28, 1969, considered the turning point in the modern history of the LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Pride Month celebrates the movement to allow LGBTQ+ people to live lives of dignity and equal opportunity rather than lives facing social stigma, discrimination, and persecution; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Fairness Ordinance recognizes the need for and establishes protections for LGBTQ+ people in employment, housing, and public accommodations throughout our City; and

WHEREAS, while much progress has been made to enable LGBTQ+ people to fully participate in the civic life of our country and our state with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities that that entails, there are still roadblocks that LGBTQ+ people face with respect to their unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the preamble to the Louisiana Constitution assures “equality of rights.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened that the City of Shreveport hereby declares the month of June 2022 and all Junes hereafter as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or application of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or application and, to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared servable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney’s Office