



STAFF REPORT
5/26/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Maritza Martinez, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Display of the Pride Flag at City Hall for the month of June to commemorate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month and display of the Transgender Flag on March 31 commemorating Transgender Day of Visibility.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Provide staff direction: 1) display of the Pride Flag at City Hall for the month of June to commemorate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month and 2) display of the Transgender Flag on March 31 commemorating Transgender Day of Visibility.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

According to the Library of Congress, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is celebrated each year in the month of June, to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan. The Stonewall riots were a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In major cities across the nation the “day” soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts. Memorials are also held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes of HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally and internationally.

Transgender Day of Visibility (or TDOV) was founded in 2009 by Rachel Crandall, a Michigan-based transgender activist and the Executive Director of Transgender Michigan. It was started as a day of awareness to celebrate the successes of transgender and gender-nonconforming people and is an important day for the LGBTQ community. TDOV is a day dedicated to honor and empower the lives of transgender and nonbinary people. This day is commemorated annually on March 31.

Staff has been asked to place both of the above requests before the Council for direction. Please provide direction to staff as it pertains to the display of the Pride Flag during the month of June annually and display of the Transgender Flag annually on March 31; flags requested would be flown at City Hall.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Request would not have a significant fiscal impact.