

DISCUSSION ON COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS AT CITY FACILITIES

General Services Department

City Council
May 2, 2023

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BACKGROUND

On January 17, 2023, the City Council adopted a Flag Policy.

- The Flag Policy provides guidelines pertaining to commemorative flags which identify with a specific date, historical event, cause, or group of people.
- At this same meeting, staff was directed to seek input from the Human Relations Commission regarding commemorative flags.

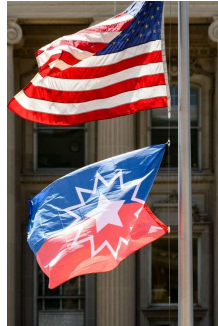


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BACKGROUND

On February 23, 2023, the Human Relations Commission (HRC) received a presentation and provided input on suggested commemorative flags for display at City facilities.



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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC)

The Human Relations Commission expressed support for the following dates, groups and causes:

- Dr. Martin Luther King Day* (third Monday in January)
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day (January 27)
- Black History Month (February)
- Women's History Month* or Women's Suffrage Victory (March)
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month* (May)
- LGBTQ Pride Month (June)

*** Note: There is no established or commonly recognized commemorative flag available.**

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC)

- Juneteenth (June 19)
- Latino/a Heritage Month*
- Indigenous Peoples Day* (October) or Native American Heritage Month* (November)

*Note: There is no established or commonly recognized commemorative flag available.



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HRC SUGGESTIONS

1. Where there is no established or commonly recognized commemorative flag available (Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Latino/a Heritage Month, Indigenous Peoples Day and Native American Heritage Month), engage those communities to participate in a community art project to design that flag.
2. Invite the community to participate in any commemorative flag raising ceremonies.



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COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS FOR CONSIDERATION

International Holocaust Remembrance Day (January 27): Commemorates the victims of the Holocaust, the genocide of six million Jews and millions of other holocaust victims. [Shown: Holocaust Memorial Remembrance flag](#)



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COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS FOR CONSIDERATION

Black History Month (Feb): Paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society. [Shown: The Pan-African flag](#)



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COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **Women's Suffrage Victory Flag:** (March)
Commemorates women winning the right to vote with the passing of the 19th Amendment. [Shown: Women's Suffrage Victory flag](#)



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COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **LGBTQ Pride Month** (June): Recognizes the impact LGBTQ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. [Shown: Progress Pride and Rainbow Pride flags](#)



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COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **Juneteenth:** Celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States. [Shown: Juneteenth flag](#)



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority 5 – High Performing Government
Goal 5.5 – Foster a culture of safety, well-being, resilience, sustainability, diversity and inclusion across the City organization

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility

Sustainability &
Resiliency

Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Discuss commemorative flags for display at City Hall and potentially other City facilities, incorporating input from the Human Relations Commission; and
2. By at least five affirmative votes, direct staff to return to City Council with a resolution authorizing display of specific commemorative flag(s); and
3. Provide direction for suggested groups or causes for which there is no established or commonly recognized commemorative flag.



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