

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DISPLAY OF THE DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH FLAG AT CITY FACILITIES DURING THE MONTH OF JULY.

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 23947 establishing the City of Riverside Flag Policy ("Flag Policy"), attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Flag Policy set forth guidelines to ensure the uniform handling and display of flags at City facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Flag Policy also set forth guidelines for the display of commemorate flags; and

WHEREAS, under the Flag Policy, a commemorative flag means a flag that identifies with a specific date, historical event, cause, or group of people, whereby the City honors or commemorates the date, event, cause, or people by flying the flag; and

WHEREAS, commemorative flags may be displayed only as authorized by resolution of the City Council and as an expression of the City's official sentiments; and

WHEREAS, per the Flag Policy, commemorative flags may be displayed at City Hall and, where possible, at other City facilities upon City Council action, consistent with the City's vision, mission, and strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2024, the City Council reviewed and approved the commemorative flags schedule for the upcoming year and directed staff to return to a subsequent City Council meeting with a resolution supporting the City's display of the flags chosen; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2024, a Councilmember requested an agenda item be brought forward for a commemorative flag for Development Disabilities Awareness Month, in accordance with the process for consideration of new flags under the City's flag policy; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2024, staff solicited input from the Human Relations Commission ("Commission") on how to recognize groups and causes which do not have established commemorative flags; and

1 WHEREAS, the Commission also expressed support for adding Developmental Disabilities
2 Awareness Month to the commemorative flag schedule however, there is no commemorative flag for
3 this specific cause; and

4 WHEREAS, on February 27, 2024, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the
5 commemorative flag schedule for the upcoming year, consisting of Holocaust Remembrance Day,
6 Black History Month, Women's Suffrage Victory Flag, LGBTQ Pride Month and Juneteenth; and

7 WHEREAS, at the same meeting, the City Council approved display of the Disability Pride
8 Month flag during the month of July and directed staff to return to Council with a resolution supporting
9 the City's display of this flag; and

10 WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month is recognized in July, and celebrates people with
11 disabilities, their identities, their culture, and contributions to society; and

12 WHEREAS, the Disability Pride Month flag aims to convey that there is nothing wrong with
13 having a disability and encourages pride in one's identity; and

14 WHEREAS, the Disability Pride Month flag serves as a powerful emblem of acceptance,
15 resilience, and celebration within the disability community, and a reminder to honor and appreciate
16 the diverse contributions of people with disabilities.

17 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
18 California, as follows:

19 Section 1. The above recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as findings by the
20 City Council.

21 Section 2. Per the Flag Policy adopted via Resolution No. 23947, attached hereto as
22 Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, commemorative flags may be displayed at City Hall
23 and, where possible, at other City facilities, and shall be consistent with the City's vision, mission, and
24 strategic plan.

25 Section 3. Per the Flag Policy, the City Council hereby authorizes the display of the Disability
26 Pride Month commemorative flag at City Hall and, where possible, at other City facilities, during the
27 month of July. All other previously approved commemorative flags for 2024 shall remain unchanged.

1 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

4 Attest:

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DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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9 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
10 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City of
11 Riverside, at its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2024, by the following vote,
12 to wit:

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Ayes:

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Noes:

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Absent:

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Abstain:

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18 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
19 City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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