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CONSENT CALENDAR June 1, 2010

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Councilmember Jesse Arreguin
 Councilmember Darryl Moore

Subject: Proclamation to Honor June as Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning Pride Month and Authorize City Manager to Fly the Rainbow Flag for the Rest of June.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a proclamation to honor June as Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning Pride Month in the city of Berkeley and authorize City Manager to fly the rainbow flag for the rest of June.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley has been committed to representing and supporting all members of the community in favor of tolerance, respect, and celebration.

Berkeley not only honors special days and months such as National Freedom to Marry Day and LGBT Mental Health Awareness Month, but also has the first city council in the nation to endorse marriage equality.

Let's honor June as a symbolic month in which lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgendered people and supporters come together and affirm their various forms of freedom and pride.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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HONOR JUNE AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, Berkeley has a committed history of being at the forefront of supporting equity for people within this community. Therefore, it is the first city in the nation to establish a Domestic Partner registration system that includes same-gender couples. Berkeley is the first city to establish a LGBTQ Sensitivity Training with the LGBTQ Liaison for all members of the Police Department, and also has the first City Council in the nation to endorse marriage equality. Berkeley honors special days and months such as National Freedom to Marry Day and LGBTQ Mental Health Awareness Month. Our fair city also supports the annual community LGBTQ Labor Day Brunch, begun the much needed funding and support for planning a LGBTQ Community Center for Berkeley, and continues to strive in increasing the diversity of our city boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, this year, on March 10, the BUSD adopted the Welcoming Schools curriculum; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents, students, city employees, and business owners within the City of Berkeley who contribute to the enrichment of our City are a part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community; and

WHEREAS, various advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of lesbians, gay men, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning persons throughout the nation, there continues to be strong opposition against people from this community around the world making it imperative for Berkeley to stand up and show support for our citizens who are affected; and

WHEREAS, June has become a symbolic month in which lesbians, gay men, bisexual people, transgender, and supporters come together in various celebrations of pride; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Berkeley hereby declares the month of June 2010 to be:

LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

We invite everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding.