

## **RESOLUTION**

### **A RESOLUTION TO DISPLAY THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG IN RECOGNITION OF ATHENS PRIDE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, following the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (“LGBTQ+”) communities and their allies in numerous cities have gathered for Pride celebrations, often in the month of June; and

**WHEREAS**, the Athens LGBTQ+ community has a rich history of demonstrated involvement in and contributions to the Athens-Clarke County community, including a cherished annual tradition of Pride celebrations; and

**WHEREAS**, the trailblazing work of LGBTQ+ movement leaders across generations and here in Athens have modeled courage in embracing their authentic selves and advancing cultural and policy changes that affirm LGBTQ+ rights and dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these advancements, the LGBTQ+ community faces continued systemic community violence; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the intersecting impacts that systemic racism, classism, sexism, xenophobia, and heteropatriarchy have on our LGBTQ+ friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, we stand in support and solidarity with members of the LGBTQ+ community from all backgrounds in the face of these challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 3rd, 2021, the Athens-Clarke County Commission passed a historic non-discrimination ordinance to protect the rights and uplift the dignity of all Athenians, including members of the LGBTQ+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2022, the Athens-Clarke County Commission declared that the month of June shall hereafter be known as Athens Pride Month; and

**WHEREAS**, we endeavor to advance equity, affirmation, and wellness for all LGBTQ+ residents and visitors of Athens, particularly those that have been historically silenced, stigmatized, and marginalized within and outside of dominant queer culture, and will continue to seek policies to this end.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia:

**Section 1:** That the Progress Pride Flag shall be flown at City Hall from June 1 to June 14, 2025, in compliance with ACCGov Administrative Policy CSD-002 in order to demonstrate the Unified Government's continued support for the LGBTQ+ community and its most vulnerable and historically marginalized members; and

**Section 2:** That the Unified Government shall support events that encourage understanding and celebration of the Athens-Clarke County LGBTQ+ community; and

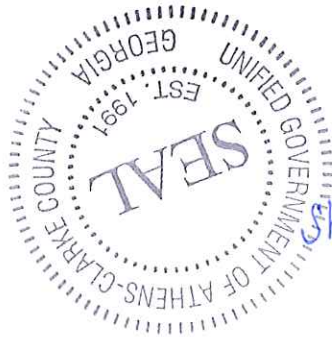
**Section 3:** That the Mayor and Commission hereby direct the Manager to support this resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this day the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2025.

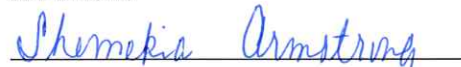
APPROVED:



Kelly Girtz, Mayor



ATTEST:



Jean Spratlin, Clerk of Commission - Deputy

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