



RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL THIRD SATURDAY IN AUGUST AS BERKELEY PRIDE DAY

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley, California, in partnership with local community groups, businesses and institutions, holds a long, distinguished tradition in forging a more inclusive society that welcomes, honors and nurtures the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, the City of Berkeley has proudly served as home and partner to the Pacific Center for Human Growth, the oldest LGBTQIA+ center in the Bay Area and a pioneering provider of compassionate mental health care services to the local LGBTQIA+ community through accessible, low-cost therapy, peer support groups, educational workshops, advocacy, and other programming that supports and uplifts vulnerable, historically marginalized, and underserved members of our community and promotes their self-expression; and

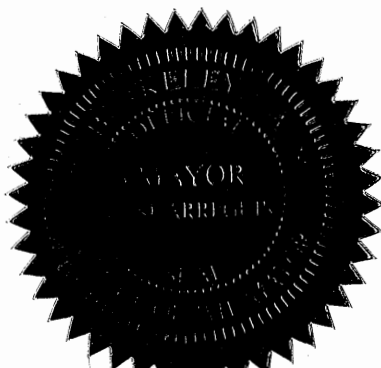
WHEREAS, the Berkeley community has consistently demonstrated its commitment to LGBTQIA+ equality and well-being through groundbreaking steps, such as: the University of California at Berkeley offering the first undergraduate LGBTQIA+ studies course in the United States (1970); Berkeley becoming one of the first cities in the nation to establish a domestic partnership registry (1984); Berkeley being the first American city to mail AIDS information packets to every resident (1987); and Berkeley emerging as the first city in the United States to proclaim Bisexual Pride and Bi-Visibility Day (2012); and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley possesses deep, historical ties to LGBTQIA+ Pride and has consistently sponsored vibrant celebrations of the community's culture, diversity and acceptance, ranging from the 1973 "East Bay Gay Festival" (produced by Pacific Center) at Willard Park to "Gay Day" festivities at the North Berkeley Senior Center to annual "Pride on the Plaza" events in Downtown Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley, in partnership with Pacific Center for Human Growth, wishes to codify its unwavering support of the LGBTQIA+ community and to honor the community's vital role in creating a more open and inclusive city by conferring annual recognition, gratitude and pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jesse Arreguín, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby proclaim the annual third Saturday in August as Berkeley Pride Day.

Jesse Arreguín
Mayor



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