

# Resolution No. 734-2025

By Council Members Spencer,  
McCormack, Maurer

**FOR ADOPTION**  
**June 2, 2025**

## AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Declaring June 2025 as “Pride Month” in the City of Cleveland to provide an opportunity for our residents to celebrate the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community and to learn about the discrimination and inequality that the LGBTQ+ community has experienced and continues to experience.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland is home to a diverse and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) include individuals from all faiths, races, national origins, socioeconomic statuses, education levels, political beliefs, and other intersectional identities; and

WHEREAS LGBTQ+ people in the United States have made, and continue to make vital contributions to the United States and to the world in every aspect, including in the fields of education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, law enforcement, healthcare, fashion, sports, government, military, music, film, politics, technology, literature, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, this year marking ten years of marriage equality, on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S. Ct. 2584, that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry and acknowledged that “[n]o union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family.”; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in the United States have fought for equal treatment, dignity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in the United States have achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations of LGBTQ+ people in the United States will enjoy a more equal and just society; and

WHEREAS, all LGBTQ+ people, but specifically members of the transgender community, face increasingly harsh and dangerous conditions due to hostile state and federal laws and policies; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, this Council calls on the Ohio statehouse to hold hearings for SB70/HB136, known as the Ohio Fairness Act, which would ensure all LGBTQ+ people in the State of Ohio can enjoy the same freedoms from discrimination as non-LGBTQ+ Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council declares June 2025 as “Pride Month” in the City of Cleveland to provide an opportunity for our residents to celebrate the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community and to learn about the discrimination and inequality that the LGBTQ+ community has experienced and continues to experience.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Equality Ohio and all members of the Ohio General Assembly whose districts include the City of Cleveland.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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6/2/2025  
For: Councilmembers Spencer, McCormack, Maurer

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REPORT  
after second Reading

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PRESIDENT	
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MAYOR	