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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

The first known Pride flag debuted at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade in June 1978. At the encouragement of gay activist Harvey Milk, Gilbert Baker sewed the flag to symbolize the value and dignity of the gay community. In 2015, the White House lit up with rainbow colors following the Supreme Court’s landmark Obergefell v. Hodges ruling in 2015 that guarantees a constitutional right to same-sex marriage. In June 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom requested that the Pride flag be flown on the main flagpole at the State Capitol building in commemoration of LGBTQ Pride Month, marking the first time in state history that occurred. On December 13, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act, which provides federal protections for same-sex marriage.

While much progress and inclusion has occurred over the decades; some governing bodies have voted to ban displays of the Pride flag. This month, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors raised the Progress Pride Flag over the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration — the first time a Pride flag has flown over a county building. Flying the Progress Pride Flag has shown LA County’s support for LGBTQ+ communities and the City of Los Angeles should demonstrate this same commitment for greater inclusivity and celebration of all people.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present a draft ordinance to amend Administrative Code Section 7.66 in order to allow for the City to raise the Progress Pride Flag in the Civic Center, which includes City Hall, City Hall East, City Hall South, and at other City facilities where the American, Californian and City flags are displayed during the month of June.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Mayor’s Office and the Chief Legislative Analyst to update the city’s flag policy and notify departments of the above directive and provide guidance to ensure that proper flag etiquette is followed.

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