

RESOLUTION NO. 78-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE DELRAY BEACH LGBTQIA+ PRIDE INTERSECTION AS A PERMANENT MEMORIAL; DEDICATING THE DELRAY BEACH LGBTQIA+ PRIDE INTERSECTION TO ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY COMMISSION TO PROVIDE EQUAL RIGHTS, BENEFITS, AND PROTECTIONS TO THE CITY'S LGBTQIA+ RESIDENTS; RECOUNTING AND HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF NICHOLAS COPPOLA; AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE AT THE SITE OF THE DELRAY BEACH LGBTQIA+ PRIDE INTERSECTION MEMORIAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Delray Beach ("Commission") installed a streetscape based on the Progress Pride Flag at the intersection of Northeast Second Avenue and Northeast First Street in June of 2021 ("the LGBTQIA+ Pride Intersection"); and

WHEREAS, an event was held on June 12, 2021, during which the LGBTQIA+ Pride Intersection was celebrated ("the Event"); and

WHEREAS, Interim City Manager Jennifer Alvarez, Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Commissioner Ryan Boylston, resident, Nicholas Coppola, and representatives of the Aids Healthcare Foundation, PBC Human Rights Council, and Compass presented at the Event; and

WHEREAS, the presenters recognized the importance of the LGBTQIA+ Pride Intersection as a symbol of the City's commitment to hope, inclusivity, and equality for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, presenters also recognized several actions taken by the City Commission to provide equal rights and benefits to the City's LGBTQIA+ residents including updating the City's policies to protect municipal employees from discrimination, harassment, and bullying on the basis of both orientation and gender identity, enacting the LGBTQ Civil Rights Order covering City Residents, and adopting an Ordinance prohibiting conversion therapy for minors; and

WHEREAS, remarks at the Event acknowledged and celebrated the efforts of Nicholas Coppola, resident of the City of Delray Beach, who, along with David Crespo, was integral in the establishment of the Delray Beach LGBTQIA+ Pride Intersection; and

WHEREAS, at a public meeting on June 7, 2022, the City Commission considered designating the LGBTQIA+ Pride Intersection as a permanent Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires that the LGBTQIA+ Pride Intersection be a permanent Memorial dedicated to several actions taken by the City Commission to provide equal rights, benefits, and protections to the City's LGBTQIA+ residents and honoring and recounting the public service of Nicholas Coppola resident of the City of Delray Beach, who were integral in the establishment of the Delray Beach LGBTQIA+ Pride Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks to install a plaque commemorating the Delray Beach LGBTQIA+ Pride Intersection as a permanent Memorial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Commission authorizes a plaque to be installed by the LGBTQIA+ Intersection Memorial to read as follows:

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH LGBTQIA+ PRIDE INTERSECTION
MEMORIAL

Recounting and honoring the public service of Nicholas Coppola, resident of the City of Delray Beach and dedicating the permanent Delray Beach LGBTQIA+ Pride Intersection Memorial to actions taken by the City Commission to provide equal rights and benefits to the City's LGBTQIA+ Residents.

June 7, 2022

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session on the ____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

Katerri Johnson, City Clerk

Shelly Petrolia, Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney