

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 030436)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the achievements of Philly Pride Presents — Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgendered Pride Parade and Festival as they continue their mission of pro-active education to create an atmosphere of sensitivity and awareness that will lead to a greater acceptance of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community of Philadelphia and proclaiming June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Pride Month in Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, June is designated as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Pride Month throughout the United States, and is set aside for the celebration of diversity and recognition of achievement of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered community; and

WHEREAS, In Philadelphia, this annual celebration of individual freedom and acknowledgement of the struggle for broad equal rights most especially in the month of June but every day of the year as well; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia City Council congratulates and honors community activists Erme Maula & Ben Singer as they preside as the Grand Marshals of the Parade for their dedication to the City of Philadelphia and to State Senator Vince Fumo for being chosen as the “Friend of Pride.”

WHEREAS, At a time when we recognize and respect the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered community in this celebration of annual achievement while looking forward to a future of even greater accomplishments, we ask our fellow citizens to take the time to become more aware of the significant accomplishments of this vital community; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community will stage a parade and festival on June 8, 2003 to celebrate unity and pride through diversity; and

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WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia has upheld the principles of equality in employment, public accommodations and housing through the adoption of a Fair Practices Ordinance which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, The greatness of Philadelphia, the site of one of the first protests for Lesbian & Gay equality July 4, 1965 outside Independence Hall, can only be realized through full and equal inclusion of every citizen, worker, resident and visitor, regardless of sexual orientation. The City of Philadelphia has shown that it values each of its citizen, workers, residents and visitors of all sexual orientations; now therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Has Proclaimed June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Pride Month in Philadelphia and June 8, 2003 proclaimed Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Pride Day in Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Board of Directors of Philly Pride Presents, as an expression of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-ninth of May, 2003.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ortiz and DiCicco, Kenney, Council President Verna and Mariano

Sponsored by: Council President Verna, Councilmembers Ortiz, DiCicco, Kenney, Mariano, Goode, Rizzo, Clarke, Nutter, Cohen, Tasco and Reynolds Brown