

RESOLUTION No. 2023–

RELATIVE TO HONORING “NIAGARA PRIDE”

BY:

Council Member Kenny Tompkins
Mayor Robert M. Restaino

WHEREAS, in 2020, a fledging group called Rainbow City Coalition was taken over and became Niagara Pride, a sole non-profit with a home office here in Niagara Falls, which has since grown and has become a strong force in the community; and

WHEREAS, Niagara Pride started with the first Pride Flag raising here in the City of Niagara Falls, and have now had several flag raisings throughout Niagara County; and

WHEREAS, Niagara Pride has also established the LGBTQ Youth Vocational Conference to teach job seeking skills, created the Jean Hopkins Memorial Scholarship and instituted a grant program that gives away thousands of dollars to Niagara County schools to assist their Gay Straight Alliances, which includes the grant given to Niagara Falls High School last year; and

WHEREAS, this organization has also worked to establish a Sexual Wellness Program for Niagara County, as well as conducting Diversity Training for over 6,000 people; and

WHEREAS, in addition to creating a Pride Celebration weekend in downtown Niagara Falls and working with local businesses and the New York State Parks to put on wedding events and other shows, Niagara Pride has organized food and school supply drives to help local families and children; and

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WHEREAS, on behalf of the City of Niagara Falls, NY, we take this opportunity to recognize Niagara Pride, and all those involved with the organization, for the invaluable work that they do in our community; and

WHEREAS, we encourage the citizens of Niagara Falls, and all community organizations, to learn more about Niagara Pride and how you can support the important projects that they undertake and the services that they provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, and Mayor Robert M. Restaino hereby recognize and honor Niagara Pride for its dedicated service to our community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Niagara Falls, NY recognizes and supports Niagara Pride in the pursuit of its vision to build an equitable community that eliminates barriers, ensures opportunity, and transforms lives through dignity, respect, and social justice here in our City.