

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2026-051  
A RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD AND  
AFFIRMING THE CITY’S SUPPORT FOR LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY VISIBILITY AND  
CELEBRATION IN PUBLIC SPACES

- WHEREAS, the City of Northfield is committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and equitable community for all residents, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals have historically faced discrimination and barriers to full participation in civic, cultural, and economic life, and continue to contribute meaningfully to the vitality and diversity of the Northfield community; and
- WHEREAS, Pride Month commemorates the ongoing pursuit of equal rights and celebrates the resilience, achievements, and contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals and communities; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Northfield recognizes the importance of visibility, representation, and community gathering in advancing inclusion and belonging; and
- WHEREAS, the Northfield City Council, through its 2025 resolution affirming the City as a welcoming and inclusive community, expressed its commitment to ensuring that all residents—regardless of identity or background—are able to live, work, and participate in civic life with dignity and respect; and
- WHEREAS, that action affirmed the City’s role in promoting trust, accessibility, and equitable treatment in the delivery of City services and the use of public spaces; and
- WHEREAS, the first “Pride in the Park” celebration in Northfield was initiated by the Northfield Public Library as a community-centered event to promote inclusion and engagement; and
- WHEREAS, that initial event has grown into an annual community-wide celebration, now in its sixth year, held in Central Park on the first Saturday in June; and
- WHEREAS, Northfield Pride, a local nonprofit organization, now organizes and sustains this annual celebration and coordinates additional programming and events throughout Pride Month and the year; and
- WHEREAS, the City recognizes the value of community-led initiatives that activate public spaces and strengthen civic life; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Northfield supports the use of public spaces for cultural expression and community celebration in a manner consistent with applicable ordinances, policies, and permitting processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The month of June annually is hereby proclaimed Pride Month in the City of Northfield, and all residents are encouraged to recognize and celebrate the contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals and to participate in Pride-related events and activities.
2. The City recognizes and supports the annual “Pride in the Park” celebration held in Central Park on the first Saturday in June, as well as other Pride Month activities organized by Northfield Pride and community partners.
3. The City affirms its commitment to inclusive use of public spaces and, consistent with City policies, permits, and applicable law, encourages and authorizes Pride-related commemorative displays and expressions on City property, including but not limited to:
  - o Temporary sidewalk art and chalking (where permitted),
  - o Light pole banners and signage,
  - o The display of flags,
  - o Use of parks and other public gathering spaces for Pride-related events and programming.
4. The City of Northfield reaffirms its commitment to equity, inclusion, and respect for all people, and encourages ongoing dialogue and community engagement to advance these values.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:    \_\_\_ ZWEIFEL    \_\_\_ BEUMER    \_\_\_ DAHLEN    \_\_\_ HOLMES  
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