***A Statute Requesting The insert your city’s name City Council For The Creation Of A Pride Crosswalk Near The insert the name of your institution***

**Whereas:** the insert organization’s name Mission states that insert verbiage that establishes your organization’s commitment to diversity and inclusion (if no such verbiage exists delete this clause);

**Whereas:** insert a non-discrimination clause that you could find in your organization’s policy;

**Whereas:** insert a clause that describes your city as a progressive and inclusive community;

**Whereas:** According to the Minnesota Psychological Association, the GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) community falls under one of the most commonly marginalized groups in the United States;

**Whereas:** According to the article, ‘Problems Faced by LGBT People in the Mainstream Society: Some Recommendations’, published in the ‘International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies’, “The lacks of social recognition has an effect on the capacity of LGBT [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender] people to fully access and enjoy their rights as citizens. They are more likely to experience intolerance, discrimination, harassment, and the threat of violence due to their sexual orientation, than those that identify themselves as heterosexual.”;

**Whereas:** Cities such as Washington, District of Columbia; Atlanta, Georgia; Key West, Florida; Miami Beach, Florida; Seattle, Washington; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; West Hollywood, California; San Francisco, California; Northampton, Massachusetts; Phoenix, Arizona; Houston, Texas; and Stevens Point, Wisconsin are some of the American cities that proudly house permanent rainbow/pride crosswalks in support of the LGBT community;

**Whereas:** Cities such as Ottawa (Capital of Canada); Toronto (City in Ontario, Canada); Squamish (Municipality in British Columbia, Canada); Vancouver (City in British Columbia, Canada); Prince Rupert (City in British Columbia, Canada); Lethbridge (City in Alberta, Canada); and Vancouver (City in British Columbia, Canada) are some of the Canadian cities that proudly house permanent rainbow/pride crosswalks in support of the LGBT community;

**Whereas:** Educational institutions such as Champlain College, Burlington, Vermont; State College, Pennsylvania (State College is a municipality in central Pennsylvania. It’s home to Penn State University’s main campus); San Antonio College, Texas; and Salt Lake Community College, Salt Lake City, Utah; and University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point, Wisconsin are some of the several educational institutions that have worked with local governance to set up permanent rainbow/pride crosswalks in support of the LGBT community;

**Whereas:** With the addition of ‘Rainbow Crosswalks’ insert the name of your city could be joining a nationwide trend of communities showing permanent support for LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus) people;

**Whereas:** Rainbow pride crosswalks are public crosswalks that have been repainted in rainbow colors, which have been adopted by the LGBTQ+ community as a symbol of greater acceptance and rights for LGBTQ+ causes and beliefs. The bright walkways are made up of six horizontal red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet stripes. Cities all over North America have made the LGBTQ+ community feel more at home by creating permanent rainbow crosswalks to honor, support and stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community;

**Whereas:** The most common variant of the LGBTQ+ flag is the contemporary six-striped flag (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet). With the red stripe on top, as in a natural rainbow. The various colors came to reflect both the immense diversity and the unity of the LGBTQ+ community;

**Whereas:** On June 8, 2017, the city of Philadelphia adopted a revised version of the flag. The design adds black and brown stripes to the top of the standard six-color flag, "to highlight black and brown LGBTQIA [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex, Asexual] members within the city's community". This version of the flag will be the colors used on the suggested rainbow/pride crosswalk in insert the name of your city;

**Whereas:** The colors on the flag represent the following from top to bottom in order- black and brown stripes are an inclusionary way to highlight the black and brown LGBTQ+ members, red represents life, orange represents healing, yellow represents sunlight (a message about being yourself instead of hiding in the shadows), green represents nature, blue represents serenity, and purple represents spirit;

**Whereas:** The bright multicolored crosswalk also addresses the need to create a more visible signal to motorists and pedestrians;

**Therefore it be resolved:** insert the name of the body you are passing this through supports and values the LGBTQ+ community and would like to create a pride crosswalk near the insert the name of your institution campus in the colors of the above mentioned Philadelphia pride flag in which the colors will be from top to bottom: black, brown, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple;

**Therefore it be further resolved:** insert the name of the body you are passing this through calls for the insert the name of your city council and its respective committees to work with the insert the name of the body you are passing this through in order to create a rainbow/pride crosswalk near the insert the name of your institution campus as a symbol of support and inclusivity for one of the most marginalized communities in the United States of America;

**Therefore it be further resolved:** insert the name of the body you are passing this through believes that pride crosswalks can create a better vision of insert the name of your city and insert the name of your institution as a safe and inclusive community and that it will send a message that our community is open and supportive of our LGBTQ+ members;

**Therefore it be further resolved:** The insert the name of the body you are passing this through recommends this proposed crosswalk to be created in the crosswalk insert the location you would want it on as seen in the attached image (attach the Google map image of the location);

**Therefore it be further resolved:** The insert the name of the body you are passing this through calls for the insert the name of your city Council and its respective committees to also work with the insert the name of the body you are passing this through in order to maintain and upkeep the crosswalk annually or as necessary;

**Therefore it be finally resolved:** Upon approval, this resolution shall be forwarded on to insert list of necessary departments and people;

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