

Office of the Mayor



BURLINGTON
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Bernard Sanders
Mayor

June 22, 1985

Dear Friends,

As I am sure you know, the Board of Aldermen passed the enclosed resolution on Monday night.

It is my very strong view that a society which proclaims human freedom as its goal, as the United States does, must work unceasingly to end discrimination against all people.

I am happy to say that this past year, in Burlington, we have made some important progress by adopting an ordinance which prohibits discrimination in housing. This law will give legal protection not only to welfare recipients, and families with children, the elderly and the handicapped - but to the gay community as well.

Congratulations and best wishes on your rally. I am confident that the efforts which you put forth will create a freer and more democratic society for all.

Sincerely Yours,

Bernard Sanders
Mayor

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Resolution Relating to

SUPPORT OF CIVIL RIGHTS OF
LESBIANS AND GAY MEN

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and ~~Eighty-five~~
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Burlington expresses
its strong support for the rights of lesbians and gay men generally
as well as specifically in the areas of employment, housing,
child custody, and public services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council encourages executive,
legislative, and judicial branches of government at all levels
to take action to guarantee these rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burlington Board of Aldermen
expresses its strong support of the consitutional rights of
free assembly of all American citizens regardless of sexual
orientation.

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PROCLAMATION

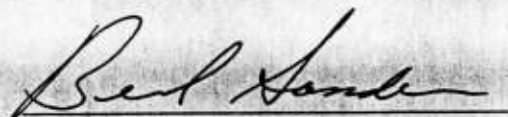
WHEREAS, lesbians and gay men have assembled in Burlington on Saturday, June 22, 1985 to celebrate gay pride; and

WHEREAS, lesbians and gay men are making important contributions to the improvement of the quality of life in our city, state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Bernard Sanders, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 22, 1985 as

GAY PRIDE DAY

in Burlington.


Bernard Sanders, Mayor

Dated on the 21st of June, 1985.

