

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION 31660**

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5 A RESOLUTION expressing The City of Seattle’s fervent support for the designation of the area  
6 around the Stonewall Inn as a National Monument to be administered under the purview  
7 of the National Parks Service.  
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9 WHEREAS, on June 28, 1969, riots broke out at the Stonewall Inn after a police raid  
10 meant to identify and penalize people for homosexual and gender non-conforming activity,  
11 resulting in days of rioting and protesting against the violent persecution of lesbian, gay,  
12 bisexual, transgender, and queer residents of New York City as well as the United States of  
13 America as a whole; and

14 WHEREAS, these riots were a major catalyst to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,  
15 and queer civil rights movement, bringing it to the fore of the American consciousness; and

16 WHEREAS, countless individuals present at the Stonewall riots as well as protests  
17 around the nation, including in Seattle, risked their safety, lives, and livelihoods in the effort to  
18 gain acceptance in their communities; and

19 WHEREAS, many lives were lost and continue to be lost in the violence against lesbian,  
20 gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people in the United States of America; and

21 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle has also borne witness to attitudes and crimes of  
22 discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer residents; and

23 WHEREAS, the struggle for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer civil rights is  
24 a crucial part of our national history; and

25 WHEREAS, our beloved National Monuments provide effective means of  
26 commemoration and education to the population at large and to all who visit our nation; and

1           WHEREAS, The City of Seattle prides itself on standing in solidarity with lesbian, gay,  
2 bisexual, transgender, and queer civil rights pioneers, past and present, and supporting safety and  
3 tolerance for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities; NOW, THEREFORE,

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
5 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

6           Section 1. The City Council and the Mayor ask that President Barack Obama act under  
7 the authority granted him by 54 U.S.C. 3203 to designate the area around the Stonewall Inn a  
8 National Monument, under the care and administration of the National Parks Service.

9           Section 2. The City Council and the Mayor express to the fullest possible extent their  
10 desire to see this designation enacted prior to November 4, 2016.

11           Section 3. The City Council and the Mayor ask that other cities in our nation follow suit  
12 and express support for this crucial step for the recognition and memorialization of the struggle  
13 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer civil rights in the United States of America.

