

RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVITY AND EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENT TO DESIGNATE AN AREA IN FRONT OF CITY HALL AS "INCLUSION CIRCLE IN PLAZA DE ARMAS".

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Antonio believes that all residents of and visitors to San Antonio should be served in an equitable and inclusive manner and treated equally with dignity; and

WHEREAS, City Hall, or the People's House, is the seat of city government in San Antonio and the front of City Hall has long been a place where individuals can be seen and heard by all through momentous parades, rallies, celebrations, press conferences, and petitions that have helped to provide San Antonians with a greater sense of dignity and belonging; and

WHEREAS, the front of City Hall was recently renovated with a fully accessible front entrance to ensure inclusion for people of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City and City Council have long championed policies and priorities aimed at lifting up all, to include: provision of employee benefits to same-sex couples, passage of the non-discrimination ordinance so that employment rights, City services, and public accommodations may be enjoyed by all; creation of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Department to provide an even more efficient means of creating a sense of belonging for all; allocation of positions such as a Civil Rights Manager and a Language Access Projects team to that ensure even more San Antonians enjoy a sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, these policies and priorities evidence the City's full and relentless support of diversity, equity and inclusion for all members of our community, and the designation of the front of City Hall as Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas will foster an even greater sense of belonging and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Canary Islands Descendants Association and other historical groups have expressed recognition of the importance of the redevelopment of City Hall to provide accessibility to the citizen's municipal government building and supports the efforts to designate the front of City Hall as "Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas"; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to designate a portion of the front of City Hall as "Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas" to demonstrate the City's support for equitable access to City Hall;
NOW THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The front of City Hall is designated as "Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas". Plaza

de Armas remains as named and this Resolution only designates the area in front of City Hall within the existing and remaining Plaza de Armas “Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas”.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective 10 days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of May 2022.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney