

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3533**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, DECLARING JUNE 12, 2026, AS “PULSE REMEMBRANCE DAY”; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, ten years ago on June 12, 2016, a horrific act of violence and terrorism at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida claimed the lives of 49 innocent people and injured dozens more; and

**WHEREAS**, the tragedy at Pulse Nightclub deeply impacted the Orlando community, including members of the LGBTQ and Latino communities, as well as families and communities throughout the State of Florida and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Pulse Nightclub served as a place of community, friendship, and belonging for many people in Central Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pulse tragedy remains one of the deadliest acts of violence against LGBTQ people in United States history and serves as a solemn reminder of the devastating consequences of hatred, violence, and extremism; and

**WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of the tragedy, people across Florida and the United States came together in grief, compassion, and solidarity to support survivors, honor the victims, comfort those affected, and reaffirm the dignity and humanity of every person targeted by violence and hatred; and

**WHEREAS**, leaders at every level of government, including United States Senator Rick Scott, Governor Ron DeSantis, State Senator Shevrin Jones, State Representative Fabián Basabe, members of Florida’s congressional delegation, state and local officials, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, emergency medical professionals, healthcare workers, and community organizations have continued to honor the memory of those lost and support those affected by the tragedy; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, healthcare workers, and countless community members responded with extraordinary courage and service in the wake of the attack; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has designated June 12 as Pulse Remembrance Day to honor the victims, survivors, families, first responders, and all those affected by the attack; and

**WHEREAS**, remembering the lives lost at Pulse provides an opportunity to reflect upon the importance of community, public safety, compassion, human dignity, and standing against violence, hatred, and terrorism in all forms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Surfside joins communities throughout Florida in honoring the memory of those lost, recognizing the resilience of all those impacted by the tragedy, and reaffirming its commitment to unity, respect, and equal protection under the law; and

**WHEREAS**, Stanley Almodovar III, 23 years old; Amanda Alvear, 25 years old; Oscar A. Aracena Montero, 26 years old; Rodolfo Ayala Ayala, 33 years old; Antonio Davon Brown, 29 years old; Darryl Roman Burt II, 29 years old; Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28 years old; Juan Chavez Martinez, 25 years old; Luis Daniel Conde, 39 years old; Cory James Connell, 21 years old; Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25 years old; Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32 years old; Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25 years old; Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31 years old; Mercedes Marisol Flores, 26 years old; Peter Ommy Gonzalez Cruz, 22 years old; Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22 years old; Paul Terrell Henry, 41 years old; Frank Hernandez, 27 years old; Miguel Angel Honorato, 30 years old; Javier Jorge Reyes, 40 years old; Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19 years old; Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30 years old; Anthony Luis Laureano Disla, 25 years old; Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32 years old; Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21 years old; Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49 years old; Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25 years old; Kimberly Jean Morris, 37 years old; Akyra Monet Murray, 18 years old; Luis Omar Ocasio Capo, 20 years old; Geraldo A. Ortiz Jimenez, 25 years old; Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36 years old; Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32 years old; Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35 years old; Enrique L. Rios Jr., 25 years old; Jean Carlos Nieves Rodriguez, 27 years old; Xavier Emmanuel SerranoRosado, 35 years old; Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24 years old; Yilmary Rodriguez Solivan, 24 years old; Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34 years old; Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33 years old; Martin Benitez Torres, 33 years old; Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24 years old; Juan Pablo Rivera Velazquez, 37 years old; Luis Sergio Vielma, 22 years old; Franky Jimmy DeJesus Velazquez, 50 years old; Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37 years old; and Jerald Arthur Wright, 31 years old, tragically lost their lives in that senseless act of hatred and terrorism;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.**

The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Declaration.**

The Mayor and Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, hereby recognize June 12, 2026, as Pulse Remembrance Day and encourage residents to remember the victims, to honor the survivors and first responders, and to reflect upon the values of compassion, unity, and community.

**Section 3. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED:** this 9th day of June, 2025.

Motion By: Mayor Danzinger

Second By: Commissioner Benmergui

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:**

Commissioner Andrea Travani	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Dovid Weingot	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Dayana Benmergui	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>

**ATTEST:**

  
Sandra McCready, MMC  
Town Clerk

  
Shlomo Danzinger  
Town Mayor



**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

  
Stephen J. Helfman  
Town Attorney