

RESOLUTION *RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS*

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Bayard Rustin was a civil rights activist who led the "Journey of Reconciliation," an early version of the Freedom Rides to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses;

WHEREAS, Rustin worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington;

WHEREAS, Rustin preached the gospel of nonviolence and civil disobedience on campuses, churches, and meetings around the world;

WHEREAS, Rustin also worked tirelessly throughout the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a powerful advocate for the LGBTQ community, workers, and communities of color in the United States;

WHEREAS, as an openly gay civil rights leader, Rustin never allowed biases against his sexuality to deter his fight for underserved populations;

WHEREAS, in 2013 President Barack Obama posthumously awarded Rustin the Presidential Medal of Freedom and remarked that Rustin had been denied his rightful place as a civil rights icon because he was openly gay; and

WHEREAS, Rustin's legacy continues to inspire and energize new generations of activists seeking equality and justice for marginalized communities in Los Angeles and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the issuance of a commemorative U.S. Postage Stamp in honor of Bayard Rustin and URGES the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service to approve the issuance of such a stamp.

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