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Rockford Increases Score in 2020 Municipal Equality Index

ROCKFORD, Ill. – The Human Rights Campaign recently released its annual Municipal Equality Index (MEI) scorecard. The MEI examines the laws, policies and services of municipalities and rates them on the basis of their inclusivity of LGBTQ people who live and work in the city. Since 2018, the City has improved by 22 points.

Among other things, the City has adopted a Non-Discrimination Ordinance for City contractors; established a Community Relations Commission to address issues of equality, equity and discrimination; proclaimed June as LGBTQ Pride Month; and more widely distributed information on City job openings.

“The MEI Scorecard is an important benchmark and provides cities with accountability and a way to measure their progress,” says Mayor Tom McNamara. “Most importantly, the scorecard illustrates these measures are the right thing to do for our residents and our community.”

View the full survey at www.hrc.org/mei.

The Human Rights Campaign represents more than 3 million members and supporters nationwide and is the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer civil rights organization in the United States. HRC works to ensure LGBTQ people can enjoy their basic equal rights, and be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

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