

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; catalyzed in the early hours of June 28, 1969, the Stonewall Riots in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan, New York, marked a pivotal turning point in the fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) rights in the United States and laid the groundwork for June to be recognized as LGBTQ Pride Month in Wisconsin and nationwide; and

*WHEREAS*; the Black Nite Brawl in Milwaukee, a fierce defense of an LGBTQ space led by gender non-conforming people of color, was the first known LGBTQ uprising in Wisconsin history and occurred eight years before the historic Stonewall Riots in New York City; and

*WHEREAS*; members of the LGBTQ community in Wisconsin, across the nation, and around the world have collectively worked to overcome discrimination on the basis of gender and sexuality, intersected by race, ability, and class, for generations, combating social stigma, demanding visibility and representation, and demonstrating incredible resilience; and

*WHEREAS*; over the past several decades, the state has taken critical steps toward achieving LGBTQ equity and equality, such as the passage of the nation's first law banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in 1982 and the election of LGBTQ individuals to public offices at all levels of government, including the first openly LGBTQ woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and the first openly LGBTQ person elected to the U.S. Senate; and

*WHEREAS*; this June, the state also recognizes the tenth anniversary of same-sex couples being legally able to marry in the state of Wisconsin, and the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed that equal right to marriage for same-sex couples in all 50 states in June 2015; and

*WHEREAS*; despite these historic victories, in the last few years, there has been a significant increase in anti-LGBTQ legislation introduced in state legislatures across the country, including Wisconsin, and as Wisconsinites celebrate hard-won liberties, the state must commit to combatting hateful rhetoric and policies that target LGBTQ Wisconsinites—and LGBTQ kids, in particular—and continue working to ensure that all LGBTQ people can access the support and resources they need to thrive and are treated equitably and with dignity under the law; and

*WHEREAS*; in June 2019, the Rainbow Pride Flag was flown above the Wisconsin State Capitol building for the first time in state history to send a clear and unequivocal message that the state values diversity, inclusion, and intersectionality and is a welcoming and inclusive place for all; and

*WHEREAS*; an iteration of the widely recognized Rainbow Pride Flag, the Progress Pride Flag, which was created to increase visibility and advocacy for marginalized communities within the LGBTQ community and includes additional stripes forming a chevron pattern that represent LGBTQ individuals of color and the transgender community, as well as those who are living with and who have lost their lives to HIV/AIDS, will be flown above the State Capitol for the third year in a row; and

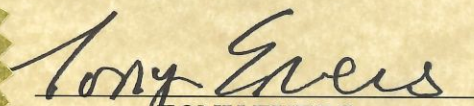
*WHEREAS*; this month, as the state celebrates Pride Month by standing with the LGBTQ community, raising a Pride Flag over the State Capitol for the sixth year in a row, and reaffirming its commitment to building a Wisconsin that is safe, inclusive, welcoming, and that celebrates all who call it home, Wisconsinites are reminded that diversity makes the state stronger and that every person deserves to stand boldly in their truth without fear of persecution, judgment, or discrimination;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2024 as

## LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to the residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 7th day  
of May 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State

