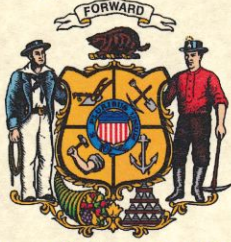


STATE of WISCONSIN



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, which 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 for generations have collectively worked to overcome discrimination on the basis of gender and sexuality, intersected by race, ability, and class, 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 recognizes and celebrates the ten-year anniversary of the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that struck down state laws banning same-sex marriage and affirmed the constitutional right for same-sex couples to be able to legally marry in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS; despite these historic victories, in the last several years, there has been a significant increase in anti-LGBTQ legislation introduced in state legislatures across the country, including in Wisconsin, that have targeted LGBTQ kids and people and increased dangerous anti-LGBTQ rhetoric, as well as efforts on a state and national level to erase LGBTQ history and stories; and

WHEREAS; as Wisconsin celebrates Pride Month, the state reaffirms its commitment to combatting hateful rhetoric and policies that target LGBTQ Wisconsinites—and LGBTQ kids, in particular—and to 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 raised above the Wisconsin State Capitol building for the first time in state history; and

WHEREAS; since 2022, 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, has annually flown over the Wisconsin State Capitol building for the month of June in recognition of Pride Month; and

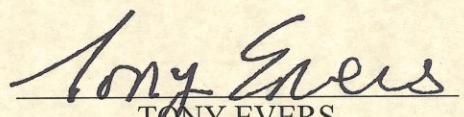
WHEREAS; the Pride Flag flying above the People's House sends a clear and unequivocal message that the state of Wisconsin recognizes and celebrates LGBTQ Wisconsinites, remembers and honors the history and contributions of LGBTQ people and the greater LGBTQ community, and reaffirms its commitment to striving to be a place where every LGBTQ kid, person, and family can stand boldly in their truth and be safe, treated with dignity and respect, and welcomed without fear of persecution, judgment, or discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 2025 as


LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance
to all our state's 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 29th day
of May 2025.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor


SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State