WHEREAS; recognized as a celebration of the rich, colorful, and inspiring history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities (LGBTQ), October is LGBTQ History Month; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a rich and storied past of LGBTQ activism, support, and heritage, and throughout history, the state has taken critical trailblazing steps toward achieving LGBTQ equity and equality, including through the 1982 passage of the nation's first law banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and the election of inaugural 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; in 1961, the Black Nite Brawl in Milwaukee was the first known LGBTQ uprising in Wisconsin and one of the first in the history of the United States, having occurred eight years before the historic Stonewall Uprising in New York City; and

WHEREAS; members of the LGBTQ community in Wisconsin, across the nation, and around the world have collectively worked for generations 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; a continued effort to combat hateful rhetoric, policies, and legislation that target LGBTQ Wisconsinites—and LGBTQ kids, in particular—is needed to ensure that all LGBTQ people are treated equitably and with dignity under the law in the state and across the country; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state joins all Wisconsinites in denouncing homophobia, discrimination, and hate in all forms, celebrating LGBTQ individuals across the state as part of Wisconsin's collective history and heritage, and reaffirming its commitment to ensuring that every Wisconsinite has the right to stand boldly in their truth and identity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

LGBTQ HISTORY 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 5th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State