



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #204

Relating to a Proclamation that the Progress Pride Flag Be Flown over the East Wing of the Wisconsin State Capitol Building in Recognition of Pride Month

WHEREAS, June is recognized as Pride Month in Wisconsin and throughout the United States to celebrate the strength, diversity, resilience, and history of the LGBTQ community;

WHEREAS, generations of LGBTQ leaders have taken on hard-fought battles throughout the state's history against discrimination and social stigma, advancing intersectional goals of equity across gender, identity, race, sexuality, and economic status;

WHEREAS, the Progress Pride Flag was designed to increase visibility and advocacy for marginalized communities within the LGBTQ community and includes additional stripes in a chevron pattern representing LGBTQ communities of color and the transgender community, as well as those who are living with and who have been lost to HIV/AIDS;

WHEREAS, publicly displaying the Progress Pride Flag sends a clear and unequivocal message that Wisconsin celebrates the diversity of the LGBTQ community and serves as a symbol of the state's commitment to creating a more equitable, just, and inclusive state for all; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate the LGBTQ community and the progress that has been made, we also acknowledge and commit to the work we must do protecting hard-won liberties, combatting hateful anti-LGBTQ rhetoric and policies, and continuing to address the health and economic inequities faced by the LGBTQ community, particularly transgender individuals and LGBTQ people of color.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State, hereby order the following:

1. Order that the Progress Pride Flag shall be flown over the East Wing of the State Capitol Building, beginning on **Thursday, June 1, 2023**, and ending at sunset on **Friday, June 30, 2023**.
2. Authorize state buildings and any jurisdiction of the state of Wisconsin to fly the Progress Pride Flag during the month of June 2023 for the purposes of recognizing Pride Month.



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 first day of June in the year of two thousand twenty-three.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sarah Godlewski".

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State