

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

WHEREAS; members of the LGBTQ community in our state, across our nation, and around the world have collectively worked to overcome gender, race, sexuality, and class adversity for generations, combating social stigma and demanding visibility; and

WHEREAS; with the legalization of same-sex marriage in 2014 and the election of two openly LGBTQ Congresspersons over the past decade, including the first openly LGBTQ woman elected to Congress, we have taken critical steps toward achieving LGBTQ equity and equality in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; throughout June 2019, the rainbow flag – a symbol of LGBTQ pride – was flown above the Wisconsin State Capitol building for the first time in state history, to send a clear and unequivocal message that our state is a welcoming and inclusive place for all; and

WHEREAS; there is still much more work to be done to ensure our LGBTQ-identified family members, friends, and neighbors are treated equitably and with dignity under the law in our state and across our country; and

WHEREAS; this month, as we raise the rainbow flag above our State Capitol once again, we are reminded that every Wisconsinite deserves to stand boldly in their truth, without fear of persecution, judgement, or discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 2020 as

LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

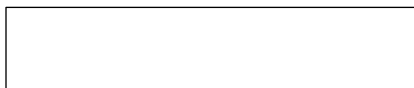
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 1st day of June 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State