

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; 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, demanding visibility and representation, and demonstrating incredible resilience; and

WHEREAS; with the legalization of same-sex marriage, the implementation of our nation's first law banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, 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, we have taken critical steps toward achieving LGBTQ equity and equality in Wisconsin over the past decade; and

WHEREAS; much more work remains to be done to ensure that our LGBTQ-identified family members, friends, and neighbors, and transgender individuals and LGBTQ people of color, in particular, are treated equitably and with dignity under the law in our state and across our country; and

WHEREAS; in 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; this month, as we raise the rainbow flag over our State Capitol for the third year in a row, 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 2021 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 19th day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State