WHEREAS, fifty years ago this month, 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 have collectively worked to overcome gender, race, sexuality, and class adversity for generations, from combating social stigma and demanding visibility; and

WHEREAS, we have made critical steps toward LGBTQ equity and equality in Wisconsin by electing two openly LGBTQ Congresspersons, including the first openly LGBTQ woman elected to Congress, and by legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide in 2015; and

WHEREAS, there is still much 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, 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 2019, as

LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State