



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** In 1974, Minneapolis became the first city in the State of Minnesota to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, a position subsequently adopted by numerous cities and the state itself; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1993, Minnesota passed the Minnesota Human Rights Act, prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender discrimination relating to a number of practices; and
- WHEREAS:** The advance of human rights and equal protection under the law continues today in Minnesota, reflected in last year's historic legislation granting all Minnesotans the freedom to marry; and
- WHEREAS:** The Safe and Supportive Schools Act, signed into law during the 2013-2014 legislative session, further reflects the desire to provide protections for students regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; and
- WHEREAS:** This year, as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we take time to reflect on the progress of the past and to be inspired toward continued progress in advancing human rights and equal protection under the law in the future; and
- WHEREAS:** Annually, in June, Minnesotans come together to celebrate the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. In June 2014, residents and visitors alike are encouraged to participate in the numerous Pride Month activities across Minnesota, and support the ongoing efforts leading Minnesota toward full LGBT equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2014, as:

PRIDE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16th day of June.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE