STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 2025, we commemorate the 56th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, which began as a response to a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in New York, where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people fought back during days of protest and demonstrations against police harassment and violence towards LGBTQ+ people; and

WHEREAS: The Stonewall Riots and the broader LGBTQ+ liberation movement were shaped by the leadership and resistance of transgender and lesbian women of color, including Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and Stormé DeLarverie. Their courage laid the groundwork for generations of advocacy, visibility, and justice; and

WHEREAS: Since the Stonewall Riots, the LGBTQ+ liberation movement has continued to grow in strength and inclusivity, recognizing and uplifting the voices of asexual, intersex, Two-Spirit, and other valued communities across the spectrum of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota became the first Midwestern state to legalize same-sex marriage by legislative vote in 2013. In 2024, Minnesota passed a bill creating consistent pathways to parental rights for LGBTQ+ families, helping ensure parents who use assisted reproduction do not need to legally adopt their own child; and

WHEREAS: A ban on conversion therapy was signed into law during Minnesota's 2023 legislative session, protecting LGBTQ+ individuals in Minnesota from this harmful practice; and

WHEREAS: In 2023, Minnesota became a trans refuge state, enacting protections for transgender, gender diverse, non-binary, gender expansive, and genderqueer individuals to seek and receive gender affirming health care; and

WHEREAS: We recognize and celebrate the significant contributions LGBTQ+ people have made to our state as elected officials, educators, artists, faith leaders, philanthropists, athletes, community organizers, health care workers, business owners, military service members, thought leaders, and more; and

WHEREAS: Each June, people in Minnesota and around the world observe Pride as a time to celebrate LGBTQ+ identity, community, and resilience and to continue the fight for justice, equity, and liberation. Pride honors the legacy of resistance and protest of the Stonewall Riots and affirms that the fight continues against discrimination, violence, and systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS: We affirm that LGBTQ+ people deserve respect, compassion, and a place to be their authentic selves, and we recommit to the safety and support of all our community members, and we celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 2025 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 31st day of May.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

June 2, 2025
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon