



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 2026, we commemorate the 57th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people fought back 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; 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: Recent federal actions rolled back protections for LGBTQ+ individuals including limiting healthcare access, rescinding health equity and nondiscrimination, and weakening transgender rights; and

WHEREAS: Amid federal threats to LGBTQ+ protections, Minnesota continues to prioritize the health, safety, and freedom of LGBTQ+ people; and

WHEREAS: In 2014, Minnesota became the first Midwestern state to legalize same-sex marriage; in 2023 the state passed legislation banning conversion therapy; in 2024 Minnesota passed a bill creating consistent pathways to parental rights for LGBTQ+ families; and

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

WHEREAS: On June 19, 2005, Pine City, Minnesota hosted the first rural LGBTQ+ pride celebration in the United States, inspiring hundreds of rural pride events across the country; in 2026 the city unveiled the first historic LGBTQ+ site marker in recognition of the birthplace of the rural pride movement; 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, healthcare workers, business owners, military service members, thought leaders, and more; and

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

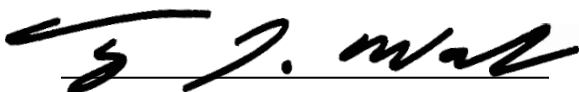
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 2026, as:

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 29th day of May.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE