

**F&A COVID-19 Recovery**  
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Dear Chairwoman Sandra Hart,

Fifty years ago, the first LGBTQ Pride March took place. It was a step in the right direction. The country, the state and the county has become more inclusive since.

But still, 50 years later, too many of the county's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning community members don't feel the love and support they should.

Today, we can change that. Today, we can love more. Today, we can show our support to the LGBTQ community by proudly flying the Pride Flag at the Waukegan County Government Center.

Pride Month is about diversity, equality and love. Let's come together to show the state that we, the leaders of Lake County, stand for all that and more.

However, I want everyone to remember it's more than just supporting a cause for a month. It's about supporting people — people who are just like you and I. People who shouldn't be looked at or treated differently. People who should feel celebrated every day — not just a few days out of the year.

I urge you, the members of the Lake County Board, to vote in favor of flying the LGBTQ Pride Flag over our county as highly and as proudly as we can.

Thank you.  
Regards,

Melinda Bush  
Illinois State Senator  
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