



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Special Recognition of Pride Month.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the struggle for dignity and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to forge a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton, on June 2, 2000, declared June "Gay & Lesbian Pride Month" to commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Lower Manhattan, and on June 1, 2009, President Barack Obama expanded the commemoration further by declaring June to be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, June 28, 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, which broke out after a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, targeting LGBTQ patrons and other marginalized people in violation of their civil rights, leading to the birth of the "Gay Rights Movement;" and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ Americans, including those who live in our local communities, face discrimination simply for being who they are and for who they love, and there remains much work to do to extend the promise of our country to every person; and

WHEREAS, the landmark Supreme Court decision of 2015 guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 States was a historic victory for LGBTQ Americans and continues to affirm our belief that we are all free when we are treated as equals; and

WHEREAS, 2019 saw thousands of people attend Lake County's first-ever Pride Parade in Buffalo Grove; and

WHEREAS, Lake County's strength is rooted in our people and their diversity. All sexual orientations, all genders, all races, all religions, all countries of origins, all incomes, and all who live, work and play in Lake County are welcome here.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNIZED, that on this 11th day of June, 2019, the Lake County Board does hereby proclaim June 2019 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Pride Month, and encourages all community residents to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists and to celebrate our great diversity by taking part in community events throughout June that focus on and celebrate our LGBTQ neighbors.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois on June 11, 2019.