



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Special recognition celebrating June as LGBTQ Pride Month.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**WHEREAS**, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is celebrated annually in June to recognize the impact the LGBTQ individuals have had on equality and civil rights and to increase understanding and reduce violence toward the LGBTQ community; and

**WHEREAS**, June 2020 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of annual LGBTQ Pride traditions, recognizing the first Pride march on June 28, 1970 in New York City. The march commemorated the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan in which thousands of marchers took to the streets to demonstrate against government hostility, employment and housing discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, today, celebrations include parades, workshops, and concerts, and other LGBTQ Pride Month events that attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials also are held to honor those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS; 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**, 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 the Lake County Board does hereby celebrate June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED** that the County Board encourages all residents to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists and celebrate our great diversity.

**DATED** on June 9, 2020.