

2025 RES-041

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2025 AS LGBTQI+ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, June is nationally recognized as Pride Month, a time to celebrate the diversity, impact, and resilience of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) community; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, LGBTQI+ patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York City resisted a police raid, sparking several days of demonstrations that became a catalyst for the modern LGBTQI+ rights movement. One year later, in June 1970, the first Pride marches were held to commemorate the uprising and demand equal rights; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, President Bill Clinton issued the first presidential proclamation declaring June as “Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.” In 2011, President Barack Obama expanded the official recognition to include the full LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Wisconsin’s Pride celebration this year is “Remember. Resist. Rejoice.” which honors the legacy of LGBTQI+ trailblazers, calls for continued resistance against discrimination, and celebrates the power of LGBTQI+ joy. This theme affirms that LGBTQI+ communities have always existed, will not back down, and deserve to live and celebrate freely; and

WHEREAS, Dane County’s LGBTQI+ community has a long and proud history of fighting for equality and justice and has made significant contributions to society in all areas of life, including the arts and sciences, education, law, medicine, sports, community service, business, and government; and

WHEREAS, Dane County has consistently elected LGBTQI+ leaders to all levels of government, including the Dane County Board, the Wisconsin state legislature, the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, including former County Board Chair Dick Wagner, who was one of the first openly gay elected officials in the U.S., as well as the first openly gay U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, and Congressperson Mark Pocan, both of whom served on the Dane County Board; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQI+ community, and specifically our trans friends, continues to face discrimination, hatred, and violence in the Dane County community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, everyone deserves to be treated with equity, dignity, and respect, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and we must all work to create a more inclusive and just society for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors commits to ensuring all LGBTQI+ residents of Dane County have equal standing and access to housing, employment, education, healthcare, and other essential services and opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board is committed to protecting LGBTQI+ friends from bullying and harassment, combating all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTQI+ people, and promoting LGBTQI+ visibility and acceptance in the community, as evidenced by the County Board’s declaration of the county as a Trans Sanctuary in June 2023.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board recognizes June 2025 as Pride Month across Dane County and celebrates the diversity of the LGBTQI+ community.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2025.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk