

2022 RES-056

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2022 AS LGBTQ+ AND ALLIES PRIDE AND RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, and is the nationwide month selected to recognize the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning, and Plus (LGBTQ+) community; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a time to reflect upon the challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community in the past, recognize the progress that has been made, and acknowledge the bravery of those who fought and continue to fight for LGBTQ+ equality and rights; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is a recognition of the racial diversity found in the LGBTQ+ community including people of color, and diverse ethnicities, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances, and build understanding; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month recognizes the intersectionality and the struggle for equal rights and equal opportunity for LGBTQ+ people of color in our society; and

WHEREAS, Dane County has consistently elected LGBTQ+ 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 recently deceased 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, Pride Month provides an opportunity to recognize and uplift the voices of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month, and during the year, the LGBTQ+ community and its allies come together at events such as the Outreach Magic Pride Festival, the Outreach Pride Parade, the Pride Ride at Breese Stevens Field, and numerous other LGBTQ+ community gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month provides an opportunity to showcase LGBTQ+ owned and operated businesses that are critical to Dane County's culture, economy, and history; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month provides an opportunity to highlight the organizations, businesses, and allies that support the LGBTQ+ community in Dane County and continue to help Dane County be a safe county for LGBTQ+ businesses to operate in; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ rights are human rights and are protected by the laws of the United States, and while great progress has been made, the struggle for equality continues—especially with the lives of the Trans community and for kids who identify as Trans; and

WHEREAS, residents of Dane County are encouraged to commit to supporting and accepting LGBTQ+ individuals, in particular youth, who are far more likely to experience violence and bullying at school compared to their peers, to suffer from depression, to struggle with substance use, and to have attempted suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes June 2022 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and supports the rights, freedoms, and equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) individuals.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2022.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk