

2026 RES-061

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS LGBTQIA2S+ 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, intersex, asexual, and two-spirit (LGBTQIA2S+) community; and

WHEREAS, prior to and during the events of the Stonewall Uprising, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals were frequently subjected to discrimination, criminalization, and harassment through the enforcement and interpretation of laws and policies, such as the “three-article rule” that targeted gender expression and identity, and contributed to a broader system of exclusion and injustice; and

WHEREAS, transgender women, gender nonconforming individuals, and other members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community played a critical role in resisting state-sanctioned discrimination during the Stonewall Uprising, helping to inspire a movement for dignity, equality, and human rights that continues today; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, LGBTQIA2S+ 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 LGBTQIA2S+ 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 demands from Madison’s Queer Liberation March this year were “Defending Bodily Autonomy,” with a focus on protecting trans youth, ensuring healthcare for all, and empowering queer workers. These demands resist discrimination and celebrate the power, resilience, and joy of LGBTQIA2S+ communities. This theme affirms that LGBTQIA2S+ communities have always existed, will not back down, and deserve to live and celebrate freely; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals continue to face discrimination and barriers to healthcare, education, and public expression, including restrictions on access to gender-affirming healthcare and efforts to limit the recognition and representation of LGBTQIA2S+ history, experiences, and contributions in public spaces and educational settings. These challenges have been reflected locally through decisions affecting access to gender-affirming care for transgender youth and continue to impact LGBTQIA2S+ residents throughout Dane County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Dane County’s LGBTQIA2S+ 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 LGBTQIA2S+ 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, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, particularly transgender and gender-diverse people, continue to face discrimination, hatred, violence, and barriers to medically-necessary healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the Dane County Board of Supervisors affirms that all people deserve to be treated with dignity, equity, and respect regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes the valuable work of the Center for Patient Partnerships (CPP) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, a medical-legal partnership that advances healthcare access through advocacy, education, research, and systems change, and whose work has assisted many LGBTQIA2S+ individuals in navigating healthcare systems and securing access to medically necessary care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors commits to ensuring all LGBTQIA2S+ 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 LGBTQIA2S+ friends from bullying and harassment, combating all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTQIA2S+ people, and promoting LGBTQIA2S+ visibility and acceptance in the community.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes June 2026 as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month in Dane County and celebrates the diversity, resilience, and contributions of LGBTQIA2S+ residents.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2026.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk