



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) communities are an integral part of the population both in Connecticut and throughout the United States; and

*W*HEREAS, the fight for dignity and equality for LGBTQ people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to make our country and the world a more inclusive society; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut celebrates the diversity of its citizenry and their right to live their lives out loud – free of discrimination, fear, and prejudice; and

*W*HEREAS, the month of June is recognized internationally as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, when people in the LGBTQ community in New York City – at great personal and physical risk to themselves – courageously fought back against the increasing hostility and discrimination they faced from police at the Stonewall Inn, which was a refuge for queer people of color, homeless young people, and drag queens; and

*W*HEREAS, the Stonewall Riots gave greater rise and further validity to the LGBTQ rights movement – with this year marking their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut is proud to have led the nation in adopting laws supporting the LGBTQ community – including being the first state in the nation to enact a law through the legislature granting same-sex couples with the rights and responsibilities of marriage; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut remains firmly committed to protecting the civil rights of the LGBTQ community; and

*W*HEREAS, while much progress has been made, there is still some work to be done in our country and across the world to protect the safety and security of the LGBTQ community against threats of violence and discrimination; and

*W*HEREAS, this month of June each year, we give cognizance to the contributions and history of the LGBTQ community – and acknowledge that every human being has the right to live their life openly as who they are; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of June 2026, to be

## **LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH**

in the State of Connecticut.



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GOVERNOR