



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Stonewall Riots between June 28, 1969 and July 3, 1969, sparked the development the gay rights movement throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans come together to mark the progress achieved by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community each June; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota passed the Minnesota Human Rights Act in 1993, prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender discrimination relating to a number of practices; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota became the first Midwestern state to legalize same sex marriage by legislative vote in 2013, and the twelfth state in the nation to recognize same sex marriage; and
- WHEREAS: The Safe and Supportive Schools Act, signed into law during the 2014 Legislative Session, further reflects the desire to provide protections for students regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; and
- WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court held in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that the right to marry is a fundamental right that may not be denied to same sex couples; and
- WHEREAS: This month, residents and visitors alike are encouraged to participate in the numerous Pride Month activities across Minnesota, and to support the ongoing efforts of leading Minnesota toward full LGBTQ equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2018, as:

## PRIDE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR





SECRETARY OF STATE