



WHEREAS, on June 28, 1969, the police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, New York City, spurring six days of protests, led by transgender women of color like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, against police brutality and government-sanctioned discrimination of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals; and,

WHEREAS, it is due to the Stonewall Uprising that the LGBTQ+ community laid out the message by which subsequent rallies and protests would be organized, by demanding acceptance and respect while declaring pride in who they are and who they love; and,

WHEREAS, June is annually celebrated as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising, considered the catalyst of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement, and to recognize the contributions LGBTQ+ individuals have made to our society; and,

WHEREAS, from day one, my administration has sought to protect LGBTQ+ individuals, including funding gender-affirming surgeries, expanding HIV preventative care and treatment, and strengthening inclusivity in state identification documents and classrooms in which LGBTQ+ students can thrive and see themselves reflected in the curriculum; and,

WHEREAS, wellbeing, economic security, and meaningful social connections are particularly vital to LGBTQ+ elders and those living with HIV, both communities will be prioritized, protected, and regarded properly by being designated amongst communities of “greatest social need”; and,

WHEREAS, as our transgender brother and sisters are targeted by the Trump Administration's renewed attempts to revoke LGBTQ+ protections, it is imperative Illinois continues to be a beacon of hope and safety against the backdrop of horrifically discriminatory and draconian laws; and,

WHEREAS, drag and drag balls, a cornerstone of LGBTQ+ culture with roots in post-Civil War Reconstruction by pioneer and Black queer activist, William Dorsey Swann, has come under superfluous and profoundly dishonest attacks – it is essential to the fabric of our country that this art form be celebrated, worthy of protection and preservation; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to becoming a national leader in equality, championing our shared goals of inclusivity where people are not just tolerated but empowered to thrive, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or presentation;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2025 as **Pride Month** and urge all Illinoisans to reflect upon our history and envision a more inclusive future, reaffirming our deep, unyielding commitment to building a more just and equitable society.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this FIFTEENTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-FIVE, and of the State of Illinois,
SIXTH
two hundred and _____.

Alexi Giannouh
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR