

National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution
Recognizing June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender, and Queer Pride Month



WHEREAS, the uprising at the Stonewall Inn in June 1969 sparked a liberation movement--a call to action that continues to inspire us to live up to our nation's promise of equality, liberty, and justice for all. Pride recognition is a time to recall the trials the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities have endured and to rejoice in the triumphs of trailblazing individuals who have bravely fought--and continue to fight--for full equality. Pride recognition is both a jubilant communal celebration of visibility and a personal celebration of self- worth and dignity. This Pride Month, we recognize the valuable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals across America, and we reaffirm our commitment to standing in solidarity with LGBTQ+ Americans in their ongoing struggle against discrimination and injustice; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community in America has achieved remarkable progress since Stonewall. Historic Supreme Court rulings in recent years have struck down regressive laws, affirmed the right to marriage equality, and secured workplace protections for LGBTQ+ individuals in every State and Territory, yet there are many states in which LGBTQ+ individuals still lack protections for fundamental rights and dignity in hospitals, schools, public accommodations, and other spaces. Our nation continues to witness a tragic spike in violence against transgender women of color. LGBTQ+ individuals--especially youth who defy sex or gender norms--face bullying and harassment in educational settings and are at a disproportionate risk of self-harm and death by suicide. Some states have chosen to actively target transgender youth through discriminatory bills that defy our nation's values of inclusivity and freedom for all. And, we are still haunted by tragedies, such as the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando. Ending violence and discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community demands our continued focus and diligence; and

WHEREAS, During LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically. In doing so, they are opening hearts and minds and laying the foundation for a more just and equitable America. This Pride Month, we affirm our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people and dedicate ourselves to protecting the most vulnerable among us.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the National Federation of Democratic Women supports June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month. This Pride Month, we recognize, the valuable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals across America, and we reaffirm our commitment to standing in solidarity with LGBTQ+ Americans in their ongoing struggle against discrimination and injustice. We call upon the people of the United States to recognize the achievements of the LGBTQ+ community, to celebrate the great diversity of the American people, and to wave their flags of pride high.

Submitted by Washington State Federation of Democratic Women (WSFDW).
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