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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STREET, SAVAL, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, COMITTA, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, FLYNN, KIM, L. WILLIAMS AND SCHWANK, JUNE 1, 2026

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 1, 2026

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of June 2026 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in Pennsylvania in celebration of past, present and future LGBTQ+ accomplishments and contributions to this Commonwealth and in commemoration of the 57th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn demonstrations.

WHEREAS, This Commonwealth was founded on the principles of fairness and tolerance; and

WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth have repeatedly shown a strong belief in the principles of fairness and tolerance with service defending their principles in wars and in debates, demonstrations and countless other acts of democracy; and

WHEREAS, Many lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQ+) Pennsylvanians and their allies play a significant role in this Commonwealth's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development, while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has been the site of many pivotal moments in LGBTQ+ history and has been the location of activism

vital to the growing tolerance and acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, In May 1965, borrowing a strategy made famous by the African-American civil rights movement of the time, a group of gender-variant individuals of color organized a sit-in to protest discrimination toward LGBTQ+ individuals at Dewey's restaurant lunch counter in Philadelphia, and is recognized as one of the first demonstrations launched with the goal of protecting the dignity of LGBTQ+ people; and

WHEREAS, The "Annual Reminders" protests held in front of the Liberty Bell, which occurred every Independence Day between 1965 and 1969, drew national attention to the LGBTQ+ community's struggle for liberty and equality; and

WHEREAS, Dewey's restaurant lunch counter and "Annual Reminders" demonstrations, in conjunction with other activities across the United States, greatly contributed toward the growing acceptance and inclusion of LGBTQ+ Americans into their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has traditionally been on the forefront of LGBTQ+ recognition, regardless of which political party was in control; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Milton Shapp, former Governor of the Commonwealth, founded the Council for Sexual Minorities, which was the first governmental body in the nation to examine the needs and issues of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Governor Shapp issued the first Statewide executive order in the nation recognizing LGBTQ+ equality; and

WHEREAS, Governor Shapp's successor, the Honorable Richard Thornburgh, became the first Republican in the nation to issue a Statewide proclamation recognizing LGBTQ+ equality in 1979; and

WHEREAS, This Commonwealth remains committed to promoting LGBTQ+ inclusion and quality of life, as the home of the oldest continually published magazine devoted to LGBTQ+ issues, the *Philadelphia Gay News*, and the nation's second most affordable LGBTQ+ elder housing complex, the John C. Anderson Apartments; and

WHEREAS, The month of June is recognized worldwide as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month," in recognition of the Stonewall Inn demonstrations in New York City which took place 57 years ago on June 28, 1969, and is widely credited as a catalyst for the national civil rights movement for the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, On this 57th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn demonstrations we remember how on June 28, 1969, the New York City Police Department began conducting a targeted routine raid of the establishment, which was known to welcome LGBTQ+ community members; and

WHEREAS, An uprising began against the oppressive police forces seeking to infringe upon LGBTQ+ community members' immutable civil rights, with patrons, activists and community members conducting a protest which lasted several days; and

WHEREAS, Within the following years, the Gay Liberation Front and Gay Activists Alliance were created, and in 1970, the first gay pride parades were held across the United States in New York, San Francisco and Chicago, in commemoration of the anniversary of the protests and as a celebration of equality and empowerment within the movement; and

WHEREAS, "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" highlights the work, struggles, accomplishments and challenges of LGBTQ+ people in this Commonwealth and beyond; and

WHEREAS, This celebration of diversity fits perfectly within

the long and unique story of this Commonwealth and our nation's constant quest for the equal treatment of all residents; and

WHEREAS, "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" celebrations contribute to a welcoming atmosphere and add greatly to the social and economic health and well-being of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of June 2026 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in Pennsylvania in celebration of past, present and future LGBTQ+ accomplishments and contributions to this Commonwealth and in commemoration of the 57th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn demonstrations.