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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N

JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING AND COMMEMORATING JUNE OF 2025, AS "PRIDE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Murray, and Mack

Date Introduced: June 05, 2025

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

WHEREAS, Annually, June is the month chosen to celebrate "Pride", a time for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) communities and all Americans to reflect on the struggles and injustices endured by LGBTQIA+ communities. It is a month to take pride in the progress that has been made since the fateful Stonewall Riots in 1969, in Greenwich Village, New York, which were in response to rampant discrimination by the police and a legal system that was hostile to the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ people still experience harassment and discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity locally, nationally and internationally. LGBTQIA+ people of color and particularly, trans women of color face greater disparities in the areas of health, housing, and criminal justice and are many more times likely to be the victims of fatal violence; and

WHEREAS, Although much progress has been made including, but not limited to, gaining civil rights protections in Rhode Island in 1995 and 2001, winning the right to marry in Rhode Island in 2013, and nationally in 2015, more progress needs to be made; and

WHEREAS, "Pride" is a time to celebrate the right to live authentically and to be proud of "who you are" instead of ashamed by a social stigma that was, and unfortunately still is, a reality in our society; and

WHEREAS, In order to form a more perfect union, America was founded on the principles of equality and "liberty and justice" for all, but for too long, since our Nation's

founding, LGBTQIA+ and many other Americans have been denied those precious rights and freedoms that were supposed to be granted to all; and

WHEREAS, This year's celebrations include the 49th Rhode Island PrideFest & Illuminated Night Parade on June 21st, featuring all-day entertainment from a variety of local, regional and national acts, food vendors, and booths highlighting numerous business and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQIA+ communities and people from across the State will be celebrating notions of love, equality, understanding, respect, acceptance, and justice, and the belief that love is love and that trans rights are human rights, and expressing solidarity in the continued fight for social justice against all intersecting forms of oppression; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby joyously celebrates and commemorates June of 2025, as "Pride Month" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Donald Trump, President of the United States, the Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation, the LGBTQ Action Network, TGI Network of Rhode Island, SAGE-RI, PrYSM, Youth Pride, Inc., Project Weber/Renew, Open Door Health, Black and Pink, and Thundermist Health Center.

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