



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, 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 that LGBTQ+ individuals have made to our society; and,

WHEREAS, this year's Pride Month comes at a particularly complex moment in the LGBTQ+ rights movement – at the same time as we celebrate the United States Supreme Court's historic ruling that helps protect LGBTQ+ workers across the nation from discrimination, hundreds of thousands of Americans, including many Black and LGBTQ+ people of color, are taking to the street to renew the struggle against police brutality, white supremacist vigilantism, and transphobia following the murders of Selena Reyes-Hernandez, Riah Milton, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and too many others who have violently had their lives cut short; and,

WHEREAS, from day one, my administration has sought to protect LGBTQ+ individuals, including expanding HIV preventative care and treatment, funding gender-affirming surgeries, ensuring inclusive classrooms in which LGBTQ+ students are able to thrive and to see themselves reflected in the curriculum; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to becoming a national leader in equality and inclusion where people are not just tolerated but empowered to thrive, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2020 as **Pride Month** and urge all Illinoisans to reflect upon our history and envision our future and reaffirm our commitment to building a 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 TWENTY-THIRD *day of* JUNE, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and SECOND.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR