

## PROCLAMATION

As we celebrate and declare June as Pride Month in California, we are reminded of what makes California great – our remarkable capacity to advance together and exist as the most diverse democracy in the world. We stand together with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community of California as they declare their pride in who they are and whom they love.

The LGBTQ community has worked tirelessly for respect, equality and their very right to exist. Their battles have been fought in the courts, from marriage equality to demanding equal protection under the law.

While there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality in recent years, members of the LGBTQ community in the United States and around the world still face an unacceptable level of discrimination and violence. This includes LGBTQ people who aren't safe at home and those who do not have a home in which to stay.

We must push back against those who threaten the safety of LGBTQ Californians and challenge our progress. And we must continue to make the case that all human beings share something fundamental in common – all of us want to love and be loved.

Last Pride month, in the throes of a once-in-a-generation pandemic, we celebrated virtually. Now, as we move “beyond the blueprint” this month, we look forward to the opportunity for the community and its allies to gather together in celebration once again.

We are proud to support our LGBTQ community's right to live their lives out loud. As we celebrate Pride across the state, we must continue to demand equal rights for all to create a California for all.

**NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as “LGBTQ Pride Month.”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021.

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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.  
Secretary of State