



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 51

June 7, 2023 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, SPREITZER, AGARD, HESSELBEIN, L. JOHNSON, LARSON, PFAFF, ROYS, SMITH, TAYLOR and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives CABRERA, SNODGRASS, NEUBAUER, C. ANDERSON, J. ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BARE, BILLINGS, CLANCY, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DRAKE, EMERSON, GOYKE, HAYWOOD, HONG, JOERS, MADISON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, MYERS, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SUBECK, VINING, STUBBS and S. JOHNSON. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** recognizing June 2023 as LGBTQ Pride Month.

2 Whereas, Wisconsin has a committed history of being at the forefront of
3 supporting equality for all its citizens; and

4 Whereas, in February 1982, Wisconsin made history when Governor Lee
5 Sherman Dreyfus signed the nation's first state law protecting lesbians and gay
6 people from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations;
7 and

8 Whereas, in the intervening years, tremendous advancements have been made
9 with respect to equitable treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer
10 or questioning (LGBTQ) people both in Wisconsin and throughout the nation; and

11 Whereas, Wisconsin elected the first openly LGBTQ member of the U.S.
12 Senate, and the Wisconsin state legislature has six openly LGBTQ members; and

13 Whereas, in June 2014, same-sex couples were legally able to marry in
14 Wisconsin, and the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the equal right to marriage for
15 same-sex couples in all 50 states in June 2015; and

1 Whereas, despite these advances, LGBTQ people continue to face
2 discrimination, and LGBTQ youth continue to be at increased risk for bullying,
3 substance abuse, depression, homelessness, and suicide; and

4 Whereas, June has become a symbolic month in which LGBTQ people and their
5 allies have come together in various celebrations of pride; and

6 Whereas, recognizing Pride Month will help foster an atmosphere of inclusion,
7 acceptance, and celebration to the community; and

8 Whereas, LGBTQ individuals, along with their families, friends, and
9 neighbors, will be honoring Pride Month in their communities across the state,
10 including Appleton, Door County, Eau Claire, Hudson, Janesville, La Crosse,
11 Madison, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Racine, Sheboygan, Stevens Point, Stoughton,
12 Viroqua, and Wausau, to name only a few; and

13 Whereas, the month-long celebration is an opportunity for all people in the
14 state to affirm their commitment to mutual respect and understanding; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
17 legislature recognizes June 2023 as LGBTQ Pride Month.

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(END)