

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### PRIDE MONTH JUNE 2026

- WHEREAS,** *Pride Month is celebrated each June to honor the contributions, history, and achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual communities, and to recognize the ongoing efforts to achieve equality, justice, and dignity for all people; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, a pivotal event in the fight for LGBTQIA+ rights, which ignited a global movement for equality, freedom, and acceptance, and continues to inspire progress toward an inclusive and just society; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is committed to fostering a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive environment where all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, can live free from discrimination, prejudice, and violence; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The LGBTQIA+ community has made significant contributions to Maryland's cultural, economic, and social fabric, enriching our state with their resilience, creativity, and determination in the face of adversity; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The observance of Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate the vibrant and diverse LGBTQIA+ community, to acknowledge the progress made toward equality, and to reflect on the work still needed to ensure full protection, respect, and opportunity for LGBTQIA+ individuals in all aspects of life; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Pride Month serves as a reminder of the importance of standing in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community and promoting understanding, love, and acceptance in our homes, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We recognize that the fight for LGBTQIA+ rights is ongoing, and it is essential that we continue to advocate for policies that protect the dignity and rights of all Marylanders, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During Pride Month and year-round, the State of Maryland calls on all residents to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community, support our efforts for equality, and commit to building a future of inclusion, respect, and justice for all people.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 2026 as PRIDE MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of June  
Two Thousand and twenty-six

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Aruna Miller*  
Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*

Secretary of State