



HOUSE RESOLUTION 20-1003

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CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF JUNE 2020 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH.

WHEREAS, Our great state and nation strives to promote the principles of equality and justice and the inalienable rights of all people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's and America's diversity is one of our greatest strengths; and

WHEREAS, To achieve a more just and fair society, we must teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences, and to recognize the common good in all of us; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in business and government, and serving as role models for all; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people have made important and lasting contributions to our great state and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and culture, that enrich our national life; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has found a constitutional basis for marriage equality, granting millions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals across the country the ability to marry people whom they love and can now enjoy the same rights and privileges granted to other married couples, including joint tax filings, military benefits, family and medical leave, and the ability to sponsor a foreign spouse; and

WHEREAS, The transgender community in particular has gained newfound prominence in the media, entertainment, sports, politics, and business, raising awareness about gender identity and the obstacles this community continues to face; and

WHEREAS, Friends and allies of the LGBT community have shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, Each year, June marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, which was started by trans women of color, that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the notable achievements, and the outstanding services that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state and nation; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

That the House of Representatives recognizes June 2020 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month, and urges all Colorado residents to join in celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the people of Colorado to work to help advance the cause of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families.

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