



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, for the past 47 years the month of June has been nationally recognized as Gay Pride Month, and 2018 marking New Jersey's 27th Annual LGBTQ Pride Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Jersey Pride, Inc. has been producing New Jersey's Annual Statewide LGBTQ Pride Celebration, held in Asbury Park, since 1992; and

WHEREAS, this year also marks the 49th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, often cited as the beginning of the modern struggle for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is the fifth state to have enacted laws that provide protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation and later gender identification; and

WHEREAS, the organized lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community enjoys a close working relationship with various local, state and federal governmental agencies in the areas of AIDS education, anti-bullying initiatives, bias crimes reduction and other issues affecting the community; and

WHEREAS, we must remain vigilant against the bigotry that continues to vilify lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered individuals and encourages violence against them; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon all of us to work together to achieve a safe and tolerant society for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

June 2018

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Pride Month

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-third day of May in the year two thousand eighteen, the two hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States.

Shirley D. Dean
Lt. GOVERNOR

Philip D. Murphy
GOVERNOR