

EXECUTIVE ORDER #78

Relating to a Proclamation that the Rainbow Flag Be Flown over the East Wing of the State Capitol Building and Throughout the State of Wisconsin in Recognition of Pride Month

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is a proud state that recognizes that diversity makes our communities and our state stronger, enriching our state's history and ensuring our future success;

WHEREAS, June is recognized as Pride Month throughout Wisconsin and around the world, and during this month, Wisconsin celebrates the LGBTQ leaders who have taken on hard-fought battles throughout our state's history, demanding visibility, combating social stigma, and exemplifying remarkable resiliency;

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Rainbow Pride Flag—a symbol of LGBTQ pride—was flown above the Wisconsin State Capitol for the first time in state history;

WHEREAS, publicly displaying the Rainbow Pride Flag sends a clear and unequivocal message that Wisconsin celebrates the diversity and resiliency of the LGBTQ community and serves as a symbol of our commitment to creating a more equitable, just, and inclusive state for all; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate the LGBTQ community's strength, we acknowledge and commit to the work we must do as a state to overcome the health and economic inequities faced by LGBTQ individuals, particularly transgender individuals and LGBTQ people of color in our state and country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby:

1. Order that the Rainbow Pride Flag shall be flown over the East Wing of the State Capitol Building, beginning on **Friday, June 5, 2020**, at 1:00 p.m. and ending at sunset on **June 30, 2020**.
2. Authorize state buildings and any jurisdiction within the State of Wisconsin to fly the Rainbow Pride Flag during the month of June 2020, for the purposes of recognizing Pride Month.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fifth day of June in the year of two thousand twenty.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State