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Dear Flight Attendants,

The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA supports all LGBTQ+ Flight Attendants and workers as we fight for protections on the job and in our communities. AFA's mission is to unite all Flight Attendants and promote equality and employment for all, regardless of race, color, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. This has been codified in our Constitution since 1976.

June 1 kicked off the 30 days of Pride Month. While Pride may seem like it's all colorful parades and parties, there is a significant history behind the yearly celebration of the LGBTQ+ community. For over fifty years, Pride Month has taken on immense meaning around the world. To understand how we got to the modern parade of rainbow floats, we have to go back to the beginning.



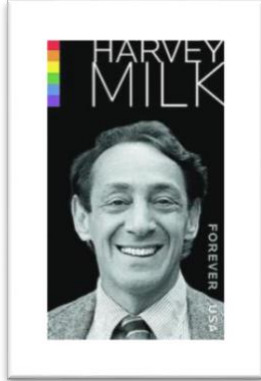
On a hot summer's night in New York on June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village, which resulted in bar patrons, staff, and neighborhood residents rioting onto Christopher Street outside. Among the many leaders of the riots was black, trans, bisexual woman, Marsha P. Johnson – leading the movement to continue over six days with protests and clashes. The message was clear, protestors demanded the establishment of places where LGBT+ people could go and be open about their sexual orientation without fear of arrest.

Pride month is largely credited as being started by bisexual activist, Brenda Howard. Known as, "The Mother of Pride," a year after the Stonewall Riots, Brenda organized Gay Pride Week and the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade. This eventually morphed into what we now know as the New York City Pride March, and from where parades and marches across the world evolved.



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Speaking of the rainbow flag, it was actually gay politician, Harvey Milk, who asked a talented designer friend, Gilbert Baker, to design an all-encompassing symbol to take on San Francisco's Pride March in 1978. Sadly, Harvey Milk was assassinated along with Mayor George Moscone, on November 23, 1978, in San Francisco City Hall by Dan White, a disgruntled former Supervisor, who was angry at Milk who had lobbied hard against having him reappointed on the Board of Supervisors.

Bill Clinton was the first US President to officially recognize Pride Month in 1999 and 2000. Then, from 2009 to 2016, Barack Obama declared June LGBT Pride Month. In May 2019, Donald Trump recognized Pride Month with a tweet announcing his Administration had launched a global campaign to decriminalize homosexuality.



There are many ways you can support the LGBTQ+ community and celebrate Pride – attend a virtual Pride event, wear inclusive clothing, donate to a non-profit, volunteer with an LGBTQ+ organization, learn about the issues, and accept and love LGBTQ+ family and friends.

In Unity,  
Joni, Scott, Chasity, Jaci-Ann, Josh  
and the entire AFA Leadership  
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