



State of Rhode Island
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION
Pride Month

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community is an integral part of Rhode Island's social, cultural, and economic fabric; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized internationally as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, when people in the LGBTQ+ community in New York City fought back against the increasing state-sanctioned hostility and discrimination at the Stonewall Inn, which was a refuge for queer people of color, homeless young people, and drag queens; and

WHEREAS, this opposition to discrimination led to the establishment of the first Pride Parade in the country, which we, in Rhode Island, continue to celebrate annually in commemoration of the Stonewall Riots, marching in solidarity and support with the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, for generations, the LGBTQ+ community has fought tirelessly for equality and inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island, founded on the principle of tolerance and individual freedom, celebrates the diversity of its people and their right to live their lives out loud, free of discrimination, fear, and prejudice; and

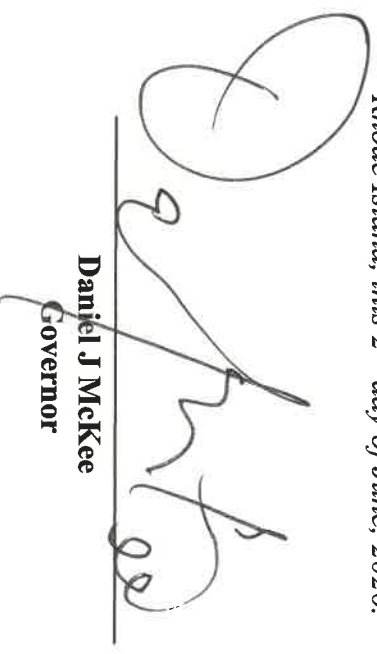
WHEREAS, every human being has the right to love freely and live their lives openly as who they are; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Rhode Island reaffirm their collective commitment to serving as allies, creating inclusive communities, advancing protections for LGBTQ+ individuals, and promoting acceptance for all

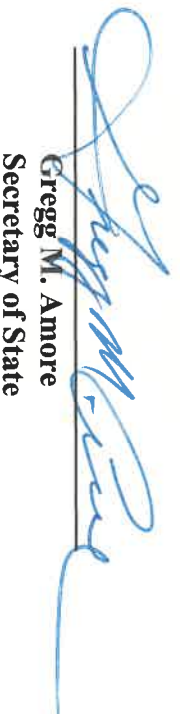
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as *Pride Month* in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



*Given under my hand and the seal of the
Office of the Governor of the State of
Rhode Island, this 2nd day of June, 2026.*



Daniel J McKee
Governor



Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State