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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

ACKNOWLEDGING JUNE 2023 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, June 2023 marks the 54th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, when brave and diverse members of the
2 LGBTQ+ community courageously fought back against discrimination and violence perpetrated upon them based on their
3 sexual orientations and gender identities; and

4 WHEREAS, the riots sparked the modern American LGBTQ+ civil rights movement and movements around the
5 world; and

6 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Delawareans are our family members, our friends, our neighbors, and our co-workers; and

7 WHEREAS, we honor the longstanding and tenacious dedication of both members of the LGBTQ+ community
8 and allies to progress for and the uplifting of members of the community; and

9 WHEREAS, in Delaware, we have made great legislative and social progress in ensuring equal rights and a sense
10 of belonging for LGBTQ+ Delawareans, but we know that there is always more work to be done; and

11 WHEREAS, we recognize the many outstanding LGBTQ+ organizations and non-profits that exist in Delaware;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in the LGBTQ+ community, special challenges are faced by people of color, transgender and gender
14 non-conforming individuals, the elderly, and our youth; and

15 WHEREAS, compared to their heterosexual and cisgender counterparts, LGBTQ+ youth continue to experience
16 much higher rates of mental health and substance abuse issues, self-harm, suicide attempts, suicide, and homelessness than
17 their heterosexual and cisgender counterparts; and

18 WHEREAS, in November 2022, Delaware elected two more openly LGBTQ+ members of the General Assembly,
19 bringing the total number of openly LGBTQ+ members of the General Assembly to five; and

20 WHEREAS, those five openly LGBTQ+ members of the General Assembly reflect the great diversity of the
21 Delaware LGBTQ+ community; and

22 WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community is currently under attack across America, including record numbers of hate
23 crimes especially against transgender and non-gender-conforming individuals; and

24 WHEREAS, the drag community—which has played such an important historical role in the liberation of
25 LGBTQ+ Americans and has done so much to lift up the LGBTQ+ community including during the AIDS crisis, is being
26 smeared and targeted; and

27 WHEREAS, every June, communities across the United States and around the world come together to celebrate
28 LGBTQ+ lives and recommit to guaranteeing equality, fairness, and safety for all LGBTQ+ people.

29 NOW, THEREFORE:

30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the Senate concurring
31 therein, that the state of Delaware acknowledges the month of June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution acknowledges June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the State of Delaware.