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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

## ACKNOWLEDGING JUNE 2021 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN DELAWARE.

1	WHEREAS, June 2021 marks the 52nd anniversary of the Stonewall riots, when members of the LGBTQ+
2	community courageously stood up against the discrimination and violence perpetrated upon them based on their sexual
3	orientations and gender identities; and
4	WHEREAS, the riots sparked the modern American LGBTQ+ civil rights movement; and
5	WHEREAS, the riots have inspired members of the LGBTQ+ community, led to the formation of countless
6	organizations, and resulted in the positive transformation of our society and laws regarding LGBTQ+ equality, not just in
7	America but around the world; and
8	WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Delawareans are part of the rich diversity of our state of neighbors; and
9	WHEREAS, in Delaware, we have made great strides in protecting equal rights for LGBTQ+ Delawareans and in
10	ensuring that all Delawareans feel at home in our great state; and
11	WHEREAS, even as the LGBTQ+ community celebrates our many victories, we know that the battle for equality
12	is perennial; and
13	WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth have much higher rates of homelessness, mental health and substance abuse issues,
14	self-harm, and suicide than their heterosexual and cisgender counterparts; and
15	WHEREAS, in the LGBTQ+ community, people of color face additional intersectional daily challenges; and
16	WHEREAS, in the LGBTQ+ community, elderly individuals often face unique and difficult circumstances; and
17	WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community acknowledges and thanks its allies; and
18	WHEREAS, we honor Senator Karen Peterson as the first openly LGBTQ+ member to serve in the Delaware
19	General Assembly; and
20	WHEREAS, in November 2020, Delaware elected its first-ever openly LGBTQ+ members of the General
21	Assembly, representing a diverse cross-section of the community; and

- 22 WHEREAS, every June, communities across the United States and around the world come together to celebrate
- 23 LGBTQ+ lives; and
- 24 WHEREAS, we recommit to guaranteeing equality and fairness for all LGBTQ+ Delawareans.
- 25 NOW, THEREFORE:
- 26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the Senate concurring
- therein, that the state of Delaware acknowledges the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

## **SYNOPSIS**

This Concurrent Resolution acknowledges June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the State of Delaware.