

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Riots of June 1969 and works to achieve equal justice and opportunity for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, fifty-four years ago this month, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, a courageous group of people of color and gender non-conforming citizens resisted harassment and mistreatment, setting in motion a chain of events that would become the birth of the modern LGBTQ+ civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, Appleton strives to be a community where all people can feel at home in health and safety no matter who they are; and

**WHEREAS**, Appleton has been a leader in fostering an inclusive community through policy, such as becoming the third city in Wisconsin to prohibit housing discrimination based on gender identity and adopted comprehensive non-discrimination protections consisting of domestic partner benefits and employment and accommodations for trans and gender non-conforming people in 2013 and banning practices such as conversion therapy for minors in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is enriched and enhanced by the contributions of LGBTQ+ residents, who are volunteers, business owners, elected officials, organizational leaders, neighbors, and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as

## Pride Month

in Appleton and urge all citizens to honor, celebrate, and promote equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.



Signed and sealed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2026.

**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON

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\*Pursuant to this Proclamation and in accordance with Special Flag Policy, A special flag will be flown at City Hall on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.