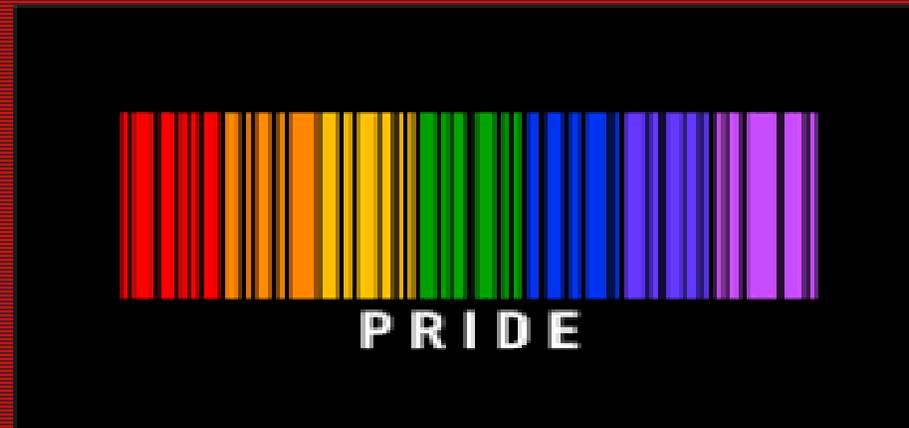


LGBTQ+ PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH

June 2021



HISTORY

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride month is celebrated to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, where police roughly hauled employees and patrons out of bars.
- The Stonewall Riots are a series of 6 raids that began June 28, 1969 throughout neighboring streets.
- Throughout the state, it was illegal to serve alcohol to a homosexual person until 1966, and in 1969, homosexuality was still considered a criminal offense



HISTORY



- The police raids on gay bars and spaces was not isolated to the East and West coasts, but was a phenomenon happening across the U.S. during this time
- Individuals and communities were an easy target for the police, because in New York in 1969, it was illegal to wear fewer than three items of “gender-inappropriate” clothing
- In 1950, being gay was classified by the medical community as a certified mental illness.
- The solution to cure LGBTQ citizens was to commit them to mental institutions and perform lobotomies on them

HISTORY

- The first Pride march in New York City was held on June 28, 1970, on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising
- Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS.
- In 2016, then-President Barack Obama designated the site of the riots—Stonewall Inn, Christopher Park, and the surrounding streets and sidewalks—a national monument in recognition of the area's contribution to gay rights.



ELLIOT PAGE



- Page is a Canadian actor and producer. In 2007, he had his breakthrough for his leading role in the film Juno.
- On February 14, 2014, Page, who was then presenting as female, came out as gay during a speech at the Human Rights Campaign “Time to Thrive” conference
- Growing up in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Page visualized himself as a boy in imaginary games, freed from the discomfort of how other people saw him: as a girl.
- Page became the first openly trans man to appear on the cover of Time Magazine

BAYARD RUSTIN



- Bayard was an African American leader in social movements for civil rights, socialism, nonviolence, and gay rights.
- A gay advisor to Martin Luther King Jr., he organized the 1963 March on Washington, a benchmark of peaceful protesting. Later, he played a pivotal role in bringing the AIDS crisis to the NAACP's attention in 1987.
- As a teenager, Rustin wrote poems, played left tackle on the high school football team

