PRIDE MONTH

What is Pride Month?

Pride Month is an entire month dedicated to the uplifting of LGBTQ voices, celebration of LGBTQ culture and the support of LGBTQ rights. Pride month is also an opportunity to peacefully protest and raise political awareness of current issues facing the community.

Why is Pride Month in June?

We celebrate in June to coincide with the catalyst of the Gay Liberation Movement that were the Stonewall Riots. In the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, police raided a popular gay bar in N.Y.C.'s West Village, The Stonewall Inn. This was commonplace for the time, but on this particular evening, the patrons of the bar fought back, starting the Stonewall Riots, which went on for days.

To learn more about the riots, click here.

How is Pride Month Celebrated?

Parades are a prominent feature of Pride month, and there are many street parties, community events, poetry readings, public speaking, street festivals and educational sessions all of which are covered by mainstream media and attracting millions of participants.