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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 45

May 3, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives Cabrera, Snodgrass, Neubauer, Novak, Spreitzer, Anderson, Andraca, Baldeh, Billings, Bowen, Brostoff, Conley, Considine, Doyle, Drake, Emerson, Goyke, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Hong, Kitchens, McGuire, B. Meyers, Milroy, Moore Omokunde, L. Myers, Ohnstad, Ortiz-Velez, Pope, Riemer, S. Rodriguez, Shankland, Shelton, Sinicki, Stubbs, Subeck, Vining and Vruwink, cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Agard, Bewley, Erpenbach, Johnson, Larson, Pfaff, Ringhand, Roys, Smith, L. Taylor and Wirch. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month.

Whereas, Wisconsin has a committed history of being at the forefront of supporting equality for all its citizens; and

Whereas, in February 1982, Wisconsin made history when Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus signed the nation's first state law protecting lesbians and gays from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations; and

Whereas, in the intervening years, tremendous advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of lesbians, gay men, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ) persons both in Wisconsin and throughout the nation; and

Whereas, Wisconsin elected the first openly LGBTQ member of the U.S. Senate, and the Wisconsin state legislature has six openly LGBTQ members; and

Whereas, in June 2014, same-sex couples were legally able to marry in Wisconsin, and the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the equal right to marriage for same-sex couples in all 50 states in June 2015; and

1	Whereas, despite these advances, LGBTQ people continue to face
2	discrimination, and LGBTQ youth continue to be at increased risk for bullying,
3	substance abuse, depression, homelessness, and suicide; and
4	Whereas, June has become a symbolic month in which LGBTQ people and their
5	allies have come together in various celebrations of pride; and
6	Whereas, recognizing Pride Month will help foster an atmosphere of inclusion,
7	acceptance, and celebration to the community; and
8	Whereas, LGBTQ individuals, along with their families, friends, and
9	neighbors, will be honoring Pride Month in cities and towns across the state,
10	including Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, La Crosse, Beloit, Superior, Racine, and
11	Appleton; and
12	Whereas, the month-long celebration is an opportunity for all people in the
13	state to affirm their commitment to mutual respect and understanding; now,
14	therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
16	legislature recognizes June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month.
17	(END)