

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## **PROCLAMATION**

## WARREN COUNTY PRIDE DAY June 18, 2022

WHEREAS, the United States Declaration of Independence proclaims that all men are created equal; and

WHEREAS, William Penn founded Pennsylvania on the principles of fairness and inclusion for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ individuals and communities have played significant roles in Pennsylvania's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania remains committed to equality, demonstrated through actions like the Non-Discrimination Executive Orders of 2016, which ensure that state government practices and procedures support greater diversity, inclusion, and fairness in employment opportunities within the commonwealth's workforce; and

WHEREAS, I signed an Executive Order in August 2018 establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs to define and address the unique contributions, needs, and concerns of LGBTQ persons and communities, in order to improve the lives of all Pennsylvanians; and

WHEREAS, although tremendous progress has been made in the LGBTQ rights movement, Pennsylvania still needs legislative action to prevent discrimination, comprehensively, based on sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, WARREN COUNTY PRIDE DAY is a time to unite and denounce discrimination and violence toward LGBTQ individuals, to promote self-affirmation, dignity, and equality, and to mobilize communities; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth is proud to honor the history and contributions of LGBTQ communities within our state and throughout the nation.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2022 as WARREN COUNTY PRIDE DAY, in recognition of the unwavering dedication of advocates and heroes across this commonwealth. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to celebrate this important observance and to continue to work toward true liberty and justice for all.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this seventeenth day of May two thousand twenty-two, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-sixth.

M TOM WOLF Governor