

*Presidential recognition of June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month
at Wayne State University*

WHEREAS the United States Congress has designated the month of June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, and Wayne State University joins in this tribute and celebration by acknowledging the many accomplishments and contributions that members of the LGBTQIA+ community have made in our society; and

WHEREAS a congressional resolution proclaiming LGBTQ Pride Month was introduced by the United States Senate June 22, 2023, and the United States House of Representatives June 30, 2023, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a proclamation in 2021 declaring June as Pride Month in Michigan; and

WHEREAS the objectives of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month aim to achieve acceptance and equality of all LGBTQIA+ people while celebrating their contributions and raising awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS Wayne State University offers a major and minor in gender, sexuality and women's studies and a minor in queer studies, and, in 2023, founded the Center for Gender and Sexuality, in addition to providing ongoing support for employee and student organizations celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS at Wayne State University, we acknowledge the invaluable contributions and impact of members of the LGBTQIA+ community on our campus, and well beyond it. They are members of our faculty, our staff and our student body. We further understand the importance of scholarship and curriculum that is inclusive and reflective of LGBTQIA+ studies. In recognition of the numerous achievements and contributions made by those who identify as LGBTQIA+, we reaffirm our commitment to this community by extending our support to them through equal educational and employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D., president of Wayne State University, hereby proclaim the month of June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month at Wayne State University, and I encourage the entire campus to join proudly in this celebration.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kimberly Andrews Espy".

Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D.
President