

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

**DIVERSITY DRIVES US
INCLUSION INSPIRES US**⁵

“Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Riots in Manhattan. The Stonewall Riots were a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States, the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as “Gay Pride Day,” but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation, the “day” soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world.”¹

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising. And, though the Stonewall Riots did not start the gay rights movement, it was a galvanizing force for LGBT political activism, leading to numerous gay rights organizations, including the Gay Liberation Front, Human Rights Campaign, GLAAD (formerly Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation), and PFLAG (formerly Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).”²

It should be noted, LGBTQ+ Pride Month (June) does differ from LGBTQ+ History Month (October). “October was chosen (for History Month) because it built on already existing traditions such as National Coming Out Day (October 11) and the anniversaries of the first two LGBT marches on Washington in 1979 and 1987.”³



WHAT DOES LGBTQ+ MEAN?

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LGBTQ+ is an initialism that means:

L Lesbian **G** Gay **B** Bisexual **T** Transgender **Q** Queer or Questioning

PEOPLE OFTEN USE LGBTQ+ TO MEAN ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES INCLUDED IN THE “LGBTQQIAA”⁴

L Lesbian	Q Queer	+ Pansexual
G Gay	Q Questioning	+ Agender
B Bisexual	I Intersex	+ Gender Queer
T Transgender	A Asexual	+ Bigender
T Transsexual	A Ally	+ Gender Variant
2/Two-Spirit		+ Pangender



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