

Date of Hearing: June 15, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 115 (Ward) – As Introduced May 26, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims June 2026 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month; and, encourages the people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality for LGBTQ+ people and their families. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Our great state and nation strive to promote the principles of equality and justice, and the inalienable rights of all people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To achieve a more just and fair society, we must teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences, and to recognize the common good in all of us.
- 2) LGBTQ+ people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or expression.
- 3) LGBTQ+ people have made important and lasting contributions to our great state and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and culture, that enrich our national life.
- 4) While our great state and nation have progressed in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice and discrimination that LGBTQ+ people and their families encounter.
- 5) Each year, June marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising that gave birth to the modern LGBTQ+ civil rights movement. The first New York City Pride Rally occurred one month after the Stonewall Uprising in June 1969, when 500 people gathered for a “Gay Power” demonstration in Washington Square Park, followed by a candlelight vigil in Sheridan Square.
- 6) On the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, the NYC Pride organization simultaneously hosted “WorldPride” during its 2019 season. This was the first WorldPride celebration hosted on United States soil, and the second North American WorldPride in the event’s over 20-year history.
- 7) June 2019 marked the first annual proclamation of the month as LGBTQ+ Pride Month by the Governor of California.
- 8) On December 13, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden signed into law the Respect for Marriage Act, which statutorily repealed the Defense of Marriage Act, and ensured that the federal government and all state governments continue to recognize and respect all marriages, without discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity, or race.

9) In January 2023, California became the first state legislature in the nation to reach 10 percent representation for LGBTQ+ individuals, matching the estimated 10 percent of people identifying as LGBTQ+ in California.

10) LGBTQ+ people, their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the notable achievements, and the outstanding services that LGBTQ+ people make to our great state, nation, and territories.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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