June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month

On June 2, 2000, President Bill Clinton declared June “Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.” The month was chosen to remember the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan, NY. Patrons of a gay bar, Stonewall Inn, fought back against a police raid, sparking three days of riots. It is considered to be the start of the gay liberation movement in the U.S. On June 2009, President Barack Obama declared June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, and has issued a yearly Presidential Proclamation since 2009.

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