

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH!



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the **1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan**. The Stonewall Uprising was 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.



"You never completely have your rights, one person, until you all have your rights."

Marsha P Johnson

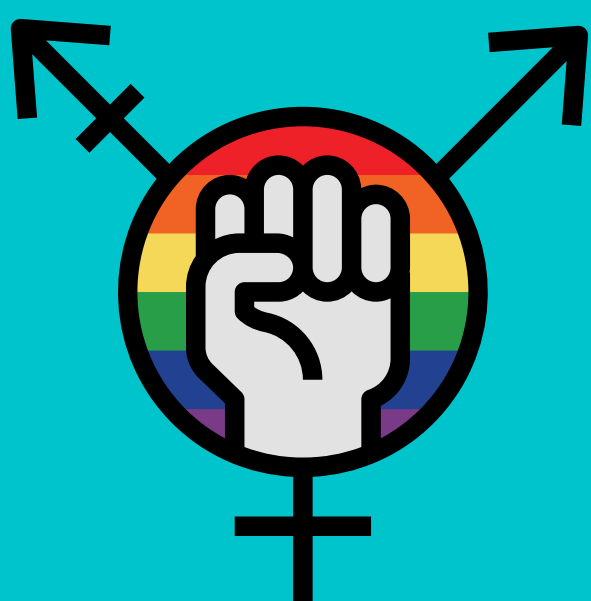
Marsha P. Johnson, a Black trans woman, is credited with having thrown "the shot glass heard around the world," which signified the beginning of the Stonewall riots in 1969 on **June 28, 1969**. Johnson and others – including her friend **Sylvia Rivera**, a Latinx gay liberation and transgender rights activist – led a series of uprisings in protest at the raid.



The first Gay Pride parades followed in 1970, and Johnson and Rivera went on to found STAR (Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries), to support young transgender people.



The Stonewall National Monument, located in West Village in lower Manhattan, is the first U.S. National Monument dedicated to LGBT rights and history.



How Can Allies Celebrate Pride Month?

- Educate yourself and others on the history and importance of valuing all gender identities and same-sex love.
- Openly support and fight for the LGBTQ+ community on social media and in real life conversations.
- Donate to organizations that help to fight for the rights of those most in need
- Make it a priority to give love to the people who paved the way for Pride, and who arguably face the most backlash for their sexual/gender identity: Black trans women.