

LGBTQI+ PRIDE MONTH

JUNE



ANDREA JENKINS

Andrea Jenkins (b. 1961) made history in 2017 as the first Black transgender woman to be elected to office in the United States. She currently serves as the president of the Minneapolis City Council and represents the 8th Ward in South Minneapolis. Andrea won her seat by running on a platform of racial equity, addressing affordable housing issues, environmental justice, and police accountability, garnering an astonishing 73% of the vote.

A Chicago native, Andrea Jenkins has always been an active member of her community and is no stranger to public service. Before being elected, she worked as a policy aid to two city council members for twelve years and served as the oral historian for the Transgender Oral History Project at the University of Minnesota Libraries. Andrea Jenkins is also a transgender rights activist as well as a prolific writer, performance artist, and poet.

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June is widely celebrated as LGBTQI+ Pride Month, more commonly referred to as simply "Pride Month." The month-long celebration highlights the societal contributions of the LGBTQI+ community and honors the 1969 uprising at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan, NY.

On June 28, 1969, plainclothes police officers raided the Stonewall Inn, one of the most popular LGBTQI+ bars in the city. As the raid continued, bar patrons were mistreated and abused, resulting in protests that went on to last for six days and became known as the Christopher Street Uprisings.

The first Pride march took place one year later on June 28, 1970 and was the culmination a Gay Pride Week in New York City. It served to commemorate the uprising and protest against centuries of abuse. There were an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 marchers in attendance.

Initially celebrated across the U.S. on the last Sunday in June as "Gay Pride Day" the celebration expanded far beyond a single day and is now a worldwide phenomenon. June 2020 marked the 50th anniversary of annual LGBTQI+ Pride traditions.



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