

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION

Pride Month: June 2026

The Stonewall Riots from June 28 to July 3, 1969, marked the start of the fight for LGBTQIA+ equality in the U.S. In 2026, we celebrate the 57th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, when LGBTQIA+ communities stood against police harassment.

Each June, people in Columbia Heights and worldwide honor those who fought for LGBTQIA+ rights.

Minnesota passed the Human Rights Act in 1993, prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender.

Minnesota legalized same-sex marriage in 2013, and the U.S. Supreme Court upheld this right in 2015.

The Safe and Supportive Schools Act of 2014 protects students of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

In 2023, Minnesota banned conversion therapy and established itself as a safe place for LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Minnesota became a trans refuge state in 2023, ensuring access to gender-affirming health care.

We recognize and affirm that LGBTQIA+ people deserve respect, compassion, and a place to be their authentic selves and we recommit to being a city where our LGBTQIA+ community members are safe and thriving.

I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby proclaim **June 2026**, to be **Pride Month** in the City of Columbia Heights, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
June 8, 2026