



WHEREAS, in January 1994, Rodney Wilson, a teacher at a suburban St. Louis, Missouri, high school, conceived the idea of dedicating a month to celebrating and teaching LGBTQ+ history. He gathered other teachers and community leaders to join him in this cause and selected the month of October as LGBTQ+ History Month; and

WHEREAS, the origins of LGBTQ+ history harken back to New York City and the Stonewall riots of June 28, 1969, and the legacy of Marsha P. Johnson, a visible and prominent member of the gay rights movements of the 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, October has been recognized as LGBTQ+ history month by international, national, and local civil rights organizations, and multiple States, municipalities, and school boards, including Montgomery County and the City of Rockville; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is notable in LGBTQ+ history, including aligning with the first and second LGBTQ+ Marches on Washington; and

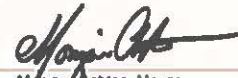
WHEREAS, the City of Rockville recognizes the growing politicization and attacks on LGBTQ+ inclusive curriculum in schools across the United States and the need to reaffirm support for increased visibility and awareness of LGBTQ+ history; and

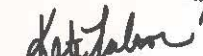
WHEREAS, recent findings show that LGBTQ+ students in Maryland feel safer and more accepted where LGBTQ+ inclusive curriculum and resources are a part of educational and community programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville wishes to recognize the many contributions of LGBTQ+ activists, organizations, students, and other residents who have contributed to making Rockville a welcoming and accepting place to live, work, and attend school, including the Montgomery County Pride Center, Live in Your Truth, Trans Maryland, Maryland Trans Unity, and Pride Prom.

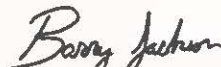
NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **October 2026** as **LGBTQ+ History Month**, and that the Mayor and Council encourage all residents to participate in observances and celebrate the many contributions of notable members of the LGBTQ+ community, and further commit to protecting LGBTQ+ students and ensuring that LGBTQ+ history is recognized and acknowledged.




Monique Ashton, Mayor

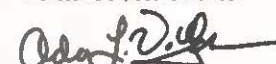

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