

# Annapolis mayor names June the city's first LGBTQ+ Pride Month



Mayor Gavin Buckley has proclaimed June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

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Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley signed a proclamation Monday declaring June the city's first LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

The move matches Annapolis with national LGBTQ+ Pride Month, which has been marked by presidential proclamation since 2009.

Buckley said the city will host its inaugural LGBTQ+ parade and festival in June 2019 in partnership with Annapolis Pride.

In declaring June LGBTQ+ Pride Month, the mayor said he wants Annapolis to be known as a city where people feel safe and comfortable expressing themselves regardless of sexual orientation.



He expressed concerns with the direction of modern society.

“We seem to be losing our humanity on a global scale,” he said.



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Annapolis Pride founder Jeremy Browning called the proclamation a historic moment for the city.

He said that after sending a letter to the city last week asking for an Annapolis pride month, members of Buckley’s office immediately accepted the idea.

“I thought maybe it might be too late, but to my surprise, they called back right away and they were very excited to help,” Browning said.

Annapolis Pride is a grassroots group Browning said he began organizing at the end of 2017. The group’s mission is to bring pride to Annapolis through the strengthening of the city’s gender and sexual minority community and to spread awareness of LGBTQ+ issues, Browning said.

“We really want to build a community of shared resources and safe spaces,” Browning said. “I think some people think ‘Oh, you already have gay marriage, what else do you need?’ ”

*Staff writer Selene San Felice contributed to this report.*

