

# U.S. Rep. Moore: Celebrating the LGBTQ+ community

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As PrideFest kicks off in Milwaukee, **Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI-04)** [released the following statement](#) in celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride Month:

“Each year, Milwaukeeans take to the streets to shout out the vibrant and innumerable contributions the LGBTQ+ community offers our great city and nation. As one of the first elected officials in Milwaukee to march, watching the expansion of this joyous celebration fills me with hope for the future of Milwaukee. We march in growing numbers to celebrate and protect our nation’s founding principle – that all are created equal.

“In recent years, we have made tremendous progress towards ensuring this core value applies to all Americans. Under the leadership of President Obama and Democrats, our country achieved marriage equality, I helped secure domestic violence protections for LGBTQ+ survivors, and Congress repealed ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.’ Yet our fight for equality remains far from over. This week’s Supreme Court *Masterpiece* decision reaffirmed the urgent need for federal nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people. Congress must act now to pass the Equality Act, which amends civil rights law to explicitly include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes. Every American deserves the opportunity to earn a living, provide for their families, and be active members of their communities without fear of discrimination.

“Pride is an everyday attitude that we must carry forth well beyond the month of June, especially in the face of the Trump Administration’s hateful rhetoric and indefensible attacks on LGBTQ+ Americans. We cannot allow this administration to erase our progress and force us backwards. As we continue to fight for justice and equality, let us march in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community this month and

always.”