



## **Celebrate Pride Month 2020**

During the month of June, members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies gather nationwide to celebrate Pride Month. Pride Month is celebrated in June to honor LGBTQ+ community protests against a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan, New York on June 28, 1969 — an event that catalyzed the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement.

This year, we acknowledge organizations that have made considerable contributions to the ongoing pursuit of LGBTQ+ rights, equality, and justice.

### **The Williams Institute**

[The Williams Institute](#) is a leading research center on sexual orientation, gender identity law, and public policy dedicated to breaking stereotypes and making sure that accurate facts inform laws, policies, and judicial decisions that affect the LGBTQ community. In the past year alone, their research has contributed to the Equality Act passed in May, LGBTQ nondiscrimination protections, efforts to end conversion therapy, non-discrimination laws against transgender people in public accommodations in Massachusetts, legislation to ban the gay and trans panic defense.

### **The Campaign for Southern Equality**

[The Campaign for Southern Equality \(CSE\)](#) is a past [Global Alliance Recognition Honoree](#) that aims to promote equality among LGBTQ Americans living in the South. CSE is actively involved in leading the Legal Equality Project, the Southern Equality Fund (SEF), and the Community Health Program. Their

earliest work includes the launch of the [WE DO Campaign](#), which focused on marriage equality in the South. CSE has also participated in lawsuits taking down marriage bans, adoption bans, and has provided over 140 free LGBTQ+ legal and resource clinics across the South on a range of topics.

## **ILGA World**

[The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association \(ILGA World\)](#) is a worldwide federation comprised over 1600 organizations internationally campaigning for LGBTQ+ rights. The federation has United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) consultative status at the UN and works to achieve human rights of all people regardless of their sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and sex characteristics. They collect research on laws towards communities in order to produce guides and resources for human rights defenders, advocate for the recognition and protection of human rights worldwide, build trainings, and organize world and regional conferences for LGBTQ+ organizations, and raises awareness through various media outlets.

## **Landmark Supreme Court LGBTQ+ ruling**

### *What happened*

On Monday, June 15th, the Supreme Court issued a historic decision in three consolidated cases — [R.G. & G.R. Harris Homes v. EEOC and Aimee Stephens, Altitude Express Inc. v. Zarda, and Bostock v. Clayton County](#). The combined ruling affirms the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that everyone is entitled to the same human rights, without discrimination, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

### *Acknowledgement of Organizations*

We acknowledge the many organizations involved in supporting the LGBTQ+ discrimination cases at both the Supreme Court Level and the lower federal courts. Over 2,000 experts and organizations filed 50 amicus briefs in support of the LGBTQ+ parties. To see a full list of the amicus briefs and organizations involved, [click here](#).