

The image features a vertical rainbow flag on the left side, composed of eight horizontal stripes of equal width. The colors from top to bottom are: orange, red, dark red, yellow-orange, yellow, orange-yellow, green, and blue. The flag is set against a white background.

LGBTQ Pride Month

Introduction

What is Pride Month?

- LGBTQ Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969
- Pride stands for “Promote Respect, Inclusion, and Dignity for Everyone”

Why do we celebrate Pride Month at OCFEC?

- An estimated 4.5% of Americans identify as members of the LGBTQ community – part of the community we serve at OC Fair & Event Center
- The Pride Flag is displayed year-round at OCFEC as a symbol of welcoming to all



Interesting facts

- The LGBTQ rights movement in the US was kickstarted in 1969 with the Stonewall Inn riots
- The rainbow flag was designed in 1978 by Gilbert Baker
- The first OC Pride Parade was held in 1989
- President Obama announced the designation of the first national monument to LGBTQ rights in 2016
- May 23, 2019: OC Fair & Event Center Board of Directors approves a resolution and policy recognizing June as National LGBTQ Pride Month and direction for OCFEC to fly the rainbow flag year-round



How to celebrate

Some ways you can celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month.

Here are a few examples:

- Learn more about the LGBTQ Pride history
- Celebrate LGBTQ art and culture
- Become an ally by supporting LGBTQ youth support organizations
- Participate in Orange County Pride celebrations this month. Check out the OC Pride web site
- Zoom in for the CA Dept. of Food & Agriculture first ever virtual Pride Parade
 - June 30 from Noon to 1:00pm
 - Meeting ID: 929 1624 1446
 - Passcode: CdfaPr!d3