Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro announced her support of June as National LGBT Pride month. Pride month promotes equal rights for all human beings regardless of their orientation or identity and seeks to unify and affirm the LGBTQ community and allies in celebrating our diversity and recognizing our likeness.

“This month, as we celebrate Pride, we honor the legacy of individuals who dedicated their lives and careers to ensuring that all people are treated equally,” said Executive Shapiro. “Summit County respects all citizens and we promote a richly diverse and unified community. I support and recognize June as LGBT Pride Month and I am very proud of our incredible LGBT community.”

The month of June was designated as National LGBT Pride month beginning in 1999 to honor the June, 1969 Stonewall riots and the continuing struggle for equality. The Summit County Executive’s Office is a sponsor of Akron Pride 2017 on Saturday, August 26, 2017 in Akron’s Hardesty Park. For more information on Akron Pride 2017 and other Pride events please visit: http://www.akronpride.org/