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Members of the LGBTQ Caucus Introduce 2021 Equality Agenda

MADISON - Today, in honor of Pride Month, the members of the LGBTQ Caucus introduced the 2021 Equality Agenda – a bipartisan bill package focused on promoting equality and improving safety and acceptance for LGBTQ Wisconsinites -- and released the following statement:

"As out LGBTQ legislators, we are proud to introduce the Equality Agenda in honor of Pride Month. Many of these bills have already received bipartisan support, and we hope to build on this success by quickly moving these bills forward through the legislative process. This package highlights the continued importance of equality for LGBTQ people in our state. We are grateful for the partnership of our allies in the legislature, and thank the members of the LGBTQ community who joined our press conference and Day of Action today to share their stories about the importance and necessity of the 2021 Equality Agenda. We hope that you will reach out to your legislators and ask them to sign onto these important bills."

The 2021 Equality Agenda includes six bills that will ban conversion therapy, prohibit discrimination on the basis of a person's gender identity or gender expression, eliminate the gay and transgender "panic" defense, create a transgender equality task force, and update Wisconsin's statutes and constitution to recognize marriage equality. It also includes four joint resolutions that recognize June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month, proclaim March 31st as International Transgender Day of Visibility, recognize the 52nd anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, and proclaim November 20th as Transgender Day of Remembrance. A one-pager is attached with more information about each bill and resolution.

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