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## **Representative Wichgers Statement on Progress Pride Flag**

**Madison** - For the sixth year in a row, Governor Tony Evers will fly a Pride Flag above the Wisconsin State Capitol during the month of June. One of 32 iterations of the Pride Flag, the flag includes a chevron pattern to represent LGBTQ+ people of color, transgender people, and those who have died from or are living with HIV/AIDS.

### **Representative Wichgers released the following statement:**

From the onset of Governor Evers being sworn in, he has decided to use his executive power to fly the divisive Rainbow Pride Flag over our Capitol. The governor wrongly decided to force his personal beliefs onto every Wisconsin taxpayer by flying this flag.

Issuing a press release expressing support for LGBTQ+ individuals is one thing, but raising a flag that many Wisconsinites do not now and never will support, and in fact, strongly oppose, is offensive and divisive.

Three years ago, the new chevron flag – the Progress Pride Flag – appeared over the Capitol. This change raises an important question: what exactly is the state approving, and where does it stop? Will our governor fly the Bisexual Pride Flag, the Pansexual Pride Flag, the Polyamory Pride Flag, the Intersex Pride Flag, or the Demisexual Pride Flag next? Flying controversial and divisive sexuality flags over the Capitol is beneath our dignity.

Our state is united behind our national flag and our state flag. We also fly the POW-MIA flag to honor those who were captured or lost fighting for our shared democratic values. These flags unite us, and all Wisconsinites take pride in what they represent. It is a shared message that we are ‘one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.’

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*The 82rd Assembly District includes the City of Franklin, the eastern portion of the City of Muskego, and the Village of Greendale.*