

Hues of Blue

Pride Month /Get Out The
Vote 2024

**A lifetime of service
to others.**

Polk County Supervisor
Matt McCoy

**Celebrate Trailblazers and
Leaders for Pride Month**

Major Political Dates 2024

**Get Involved!
Volunteer Today!**

**Let's celebrate
June birthdays!**

Publisher's Note

by June Owens



Greetings!

Welcome to the **Pride Month 2024** Edition.

This edition you will hear from a lifelong Iowan and dedicated servant leader – Polk County Supervisor Matt McCoy! Matt will not only share with you more about his journey but will also remind us of the important need for civil political discourse.

Your vote is your voice and your voice matters. We have updated the “Major Political Dates 2024 Page” with important election and other political dates. Please share the same with your family, friends, neighbors and others in your network throughout the country. It is my hope that you and those within your sphere of influence, tune in, show up and make a plan to vote.

Democratic Parties and Democratic Campaigns run on the power of fired up volunteers. You can volunteer by helping to knock doors, make phone calls, write postcards, host a fundraiser, watch the polls and/or help people get registered to vote. These are just a few examples and there are so many additional ways to get involved. Please visit the “Get Involved! Volunteer today!” section, as well as look into candidates and causes that you care about, to discover ways to volunteer.

Celebrate Trailblazers and Leaders for Pride Month 2024. Visit our page to celebrate members from the LGBTQ+ community who are blazing trails and serving in various elected and leadership roles throughout the country.

Happy Birthday June Celebrants! Happy Birthday to our Federal Democratic Elected Officials who are celebrating birthdays in the Joyful Month of June! My special Happy Birthday wish to all of you as we share the same birth month!

Please share this edition with others, give us a like on Facebook (facebook.com/huesofblue1) and follow us on X ([@HuesofBlue2019](https://twitter.com/HuesofBlue2019)).

If you have missed an edition, no problem. Visit our website to read past editions at <https://huesofblue.org>

Are there Democrats we should consider including in future publications? Maybe you have content ideas? Be sure to reach out to let us know! We love hearing from Hues of Blues readers and value your feedback.

Our appreciation to the State and Territory Democratic Party Chairs, Vice Chairs and Executive Directors who participated in our Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2024 edition! Our party is truly fortunate to have wonderful leaders like you.

Heartfelt gratitude to Polk County Supervisor Matt McCoy for participating in this month's edition.

A huge THANK YOU to Lanon Baccam and the Lanon Baccam for Iowa Campaign for their ad celebrating Pride Month 2024.

Family and friends, from the bottom of my heart – thanks and love to you!

As always, thank you Hues of Blues Readers. Stay tuned for future editions and ways you can get involved to support our work. May you enjoy this edition and continue to discover ways to turn communities vibrant hues of blue.

Happy Reading!

June

Matt McCoy
Polk County Supervisor

A lifetime of service to others.

Introduce yourself. Tell us a bit about yourself.

I am a lifelong Iowan. I am a graduate of Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa with a BA in History and Political Science. I have an adult son and have served in the Iowa Legislature from 1993-1996 in the Iowa House and was elected to the Iowa Senate in 1996 and served there until 2018. I was elected to the Polk County Board of Supervisors in 2018 and currently serving my second term on the board.

Tell us more about the organization/organizations that you help to lead and what are some of your goals, objectives and things you are looking forward to doing during your term or in the future?

As a county supervisor, one of my objectives is to bring transparency and accountability to county government. I have continued to try to share taxpayer investments and spending with constituents, including grants that are funded annually through our partnership with Polk County and Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino to non-profits that serve the community. As Chair of the Board of Supervisors in 2020, I helped lead the county through the challenges of COVID-19 and worked with the board to stand up services, provide medically informative data, and protect vulnerable individuals.

What led you to get involved in politics?

A desire to be of service to others. In college, I began as a social worker involved in ensuring vulnerable individuals had access to food & shelter, and I learned how great this need was for the community. I was in college when Iowa beef processors broke the union in Sioux City, IA, and I watched the families that donated regularly to our food shelter become recipients during this time. I served as Student Body President at my college and assisted on political campaigns at the state and national level. I served for five years on the Polk County Conservation Board and took my first run for office at age 25.

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What advice would you have for those who may wish to get more involved with politics or run for office?

There has never been a better time or more important work to do than to involve yourself in the political process and/or run for public office. Our way of life depends upon a strong democratic republic. This involves competent and passionate individuals to serve at the local, state, and federal levels in our government. I would encourage individuals who have a passion to get involved in helping like-minded candidates or causes.

Is there anything else you would like to share with our readers?

There is a profound need for civil discussion in our political discourse. We are divided and polarized in profound ways that we’ve never seen before. It’s important that we learn to disagree in ways that don’t villainize each other and our common human experience.



Celebrate Trailblazers and Leaders for Pride Month:

Celebrate Democratic Firsts!





 **Pete Buttigieg**
Secretary of Transportation
First openly LGBTQ, Senate-Confirmed
Person to Lead a Department



 **Laphonza Butler**
Senator
First openly lesbian African American to
serve in the Senate.



 **Tammy Baldwin**
Senator
First openly LGBT woman elected to
the House of Representatives
and to the Senate



 **Sharice Davids**
Congresswoman
First openly LGBT Native American
elected to the U.S. Congress



 **Becca Ballint**
Congresswoman
First woman and openly LGBT person
to represent Vermont in Congress




 **David Cicilline**
Congressman
First openly gay mayor of a U.S. state
capital – Providence, RI.



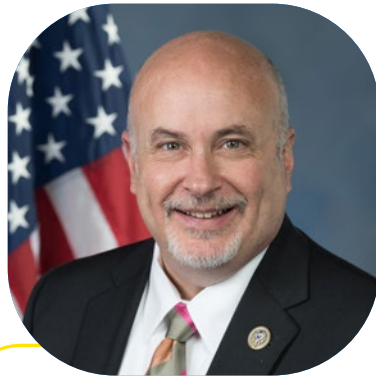
 **Angie Craig**
Congresswoman
First openly LGBT+ member of
Congress from Minnesota



 **Robert Garcia**
Congressman
Youngest and first elected openly LGBT
mayor-Long Beach, CA



 **Chris Pappas**
Congressman
First openly gay man to represent New
Hampshire in Congress.



 **Mark Pocan**
Congressman
Co-chair of the Congressional LGBT
Equality Caucus



 **Jared Polis**
Congressman
First openly gay man and second openly
LGBT person (after Kate Brown) elected
governor of a U.S. state - Colorado




 **Mark Takano**
Congressman
First gay person of Asian
descent in Congress



 **Ritchie Torres**
Congressman
First openly gay Afro-Latino elected to
Congress and co-chair of the Congressional
LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus



 **Maura Healey**
Governor Massachusetts
One of the first two openly lesbian
women elected governor of a U.S. state-
Massachusetts



 **Tina Kotek**
Governor Oregon
One of the first two openly lesbian women
elected governor of a U.S. state - Oregon



Mondaire Jones

Former Congressman

One of the two first openly gay Black members of Congress.



Sean Patrick Maloney

Former Congressman

First openly gay person elected to Congress from New York



Jason Rae

DNC Secretary

Youngest person ever elected to the DNC



Ray Buckley

New Hampshire Democratic Party Chair



Troy Price

Former Iowa Democratic Party Chair



Kevin Geiken

Former Iowa Democratic Party Executive Director



Liz Bennett

Senator

First out LGBT woman to serve in Iowa's state legislature.



Danica Roem

Senator

First openly transgender person to be elected and serve in both chambers of a state legislature in U.S. history - Virginia



Sarah McBride

Senator

First openly transgender state senator in the country - Delaware



Mauree Turner

Representative

First publicly non-binary U.S. state lawmaker and the first Muslim member of the Oklahoma Legislature



Todd Gloria

Mayor, San Diego



Lori Lightfoot

Former Mayor, Chicago

First openly lesbian black woman to serve as mayor of a major city in the United States – Chicago



Christy Holstege

Former Mayor and Current City Councilwoman

First out bisexual mayor in the country and first female mayor of Palm Springs

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	Arkansas	arkdems.org
	California	cadem.org
	Colorado	coloradodems.org
	Connecticut	ctdems.org
	Delaware	deldems.org
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	District of Columbia	dcdemocraticparty.org
	Florida	floridadems.org
	Georgia	georgiademocrat.org
	Guam	facebook.com/ guamdemocrats

	Hawaii	hawaiiDemocrats.org
	Idaho	idahodemocrats.org
	Illinois	ildemocrats.com
	Indiana	indemocrats.org
	Iowa	iowademocrats.org
	Kansas	kansademocrats.org
	Kentucky	kydemocrats.org
	Louisiana	louisianademocrats.org
	Maine	mainedemocrats.org
	Maryland	mddemocrats.org
	Massachusetts	massdemocrats.org
	Michigan	michigandemocrats.com
	Minnesota	dfi.org
	Mississippi	mississippidemocrats.com

States and Territories	Party Website	
	Missouri	missouridemocrats.org
	Montana	montanademocrats.org
	Nebraska	nebraskademocrats.org
	Nevada	nvdems.com
	New Hampshire	nhdp.org
	New Jersey	njdems.org
	New Mexico	nmdemocrats.org
	New York	nydems.org
	North Carolina	ncdp.org
	North Dakota	demnpl.com
	North Mariana Islands	nmidems.org
	Ohio	ohiodems.org
	Oklahoma	okdemocrats.org
	Oregon	dpo.org
	Pennsylvania	padems.org

States and Territories	Party Website	
	Puerto Rico	prdems.org
	Rhode Island	ridemocrats.org
	South Carolina	scdp.org
	South Dakota	sddp.org
	Tennessee	tndp.org
	Texas	txdemocrats.org
	U.S. Virgin Islands	facebook.com/democratsvi
	Utah	utahdemocrats.org
	Vermont	vtdemocrats.org
	Virginia	vademocrats.org
	Washington	wa-democrats.org
	West Virginia	wvdems.org
	Wisconsin	wisdems.org
	Wyoming	wyodems.org

Major Political Dates 2024 (as of June 1, 2024)

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June Birthdays for Federal Democratic Elected Officials




United States Senators

BenRay Lujan	June 7th
Elizabeth Warren	June 22nd

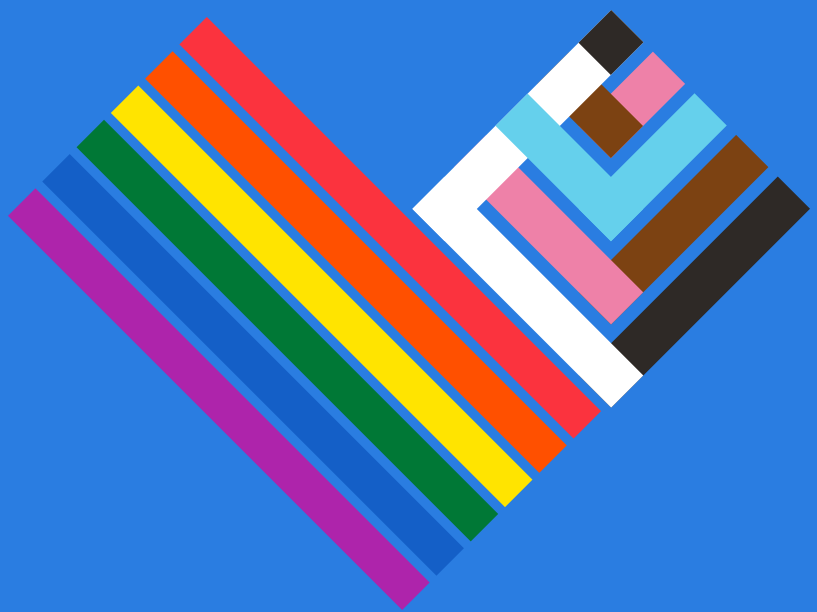
United States House of Representatives

Lucy McBath	June 1st	Steny Hoyer	June 14th
Delia Raminez	June 2nd	Rick Carsen	June 15th
Marie Gluesenkamp	June 4th	Kevin McMullin	June 15th
Chris Pappas	June 4th	Marcy Kaptur	June 17th
Chrissy Houlahan	June 5th	Scott Peters	June 17th
Adam Smith	June 5th	Paul Tonko	June 18th
Madeline Dean	June 6th	Pete Aguilar	June 19th
David Scott	June 6th	Don Beyer	June 20th
Susan Wild	June 7th	Deborah Ross	June 20th
Steve Cohen	June 11th	Adam Schiff	June 22nd
Jerrold Nadler	June 13th	Shontel Brown	June 24th
Eleanor Holmes Norton	June 13th	Haley Stevens	June 24th



Hues of Blue celebrates our
**Founder and President June
Owens** for her birthday in the
Joyful Month of June!

**Happy
Birthday,
June!**



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