



# **LGBTQ+ Rights and Our Duty to Protect**

WE SHOULD ALL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE AND TO EXPRESS OUR UNIQUE AND JOYFUL SELVES. IT IS ONLY FEAR AND LEARNED DIVISION THAT ROBS PEOPLE OF THEIR RIGHT TO BE WHO THEY ARE.

LGBTQ+ PEOPLE AND PARTICULARLY LGBTQ+ YOUTH, MUST BE PERMITTED THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION WITHOUT FEAR. WE MUST PROTECT OUR YOUTH FROM HARM BY ENSURING SAFE SPACES AND BY CHALLENGING LANGUAGE, LAWS AND ACTIONS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO DIMINISH THEIR HUMANITY.

OUR YOUTH ARE OUR GREATEST ASSETS. EACH AND EVERY ONE MUST BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT ROLES THAT LGBTQ+ PEOPLE HAVE PLAYED THROUGHOUT HISTORY - SUCH AS INDIGENOUS TWO SPIRITS - AND THE ROLE THEY HAVE PLAYED IN ALL CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS.

**[sageusa.org](http://sageusa.org) -advocacy and resources for LGBTQ+ elders**

**[thetrevorproject.org](http://thetrevorproject.org) -LGBTQ+ youth suicide prevention**

**[translifeline.org](http://translifeline.org)-trans peer support**

**[lgbthotline.org](http://lgbthotline.org)-peer support chat, youth chat, chatline**

**[pflag.org](http://pflag.org)-LGBTQ+ advocacy, education, and support**

**[mkelgbt.org](http://mkelgbt.org)-Milwaukee LGBTcommunity center**

**[lgbtsewi.org](http://lgbtsewi.org)- LGBT center of SE Wisconsin (Racine)**

**[7riverslgbtq.org](http://7riverslgbtq.org)- community and resource center (Lacrosse)**

**[glsen.org](http://glsen.org)-advocacy for LGBTQ+ students**

**[lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org)-LGBTQ+ legal support and advocacy**

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