



PRIDE is the celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community to promote self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of this particularly marginalized social group. In June 1969, the first spontaneous PRIDE demonstration occurred in protest of a police raid on the Stonewall Inn and in November of that same year, the Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations called for an annual demonstration to raise awareness about the fundamental human rights of the LGBTQIA+ people.

Earlier this month, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in the workplace, protects people from discriminating based on sexual orientation and gender identity. This means it is unlawful to fire someone or discriminate against someone for being LGBTQIA+. This is a pivotal moment in history, but it also means, with the change in law, a change in cultural inclusion must occur. The AATE is committed to changing the culture of athletic training education to be inclusive of the LGBTQIA+ community.

We gather, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, in our hearts and minds, to say WE SEE YOU! The AATE provides a community and a collective voice in athletic training education that is inclusive of all minoritized populations. And on this day, in this month of June, 51 years since the Stonewall Riots, we celebrate the efforts of all our LGBTQIA+ brothers, sisters, non-binary persons, and allies who have forged beyond passive support to create tangible social change. In addition to providing a community and collective voice, the AATE is committed to facilitating educational opportunities for institutional members to engage in these difficult discussions that will result in a more positive and inclusive environment for educators, students, and patients.