

Pride Month Began in 1970 as a way to *honor the events of the*Stonewall Uprising and marked a turning point that fueled the gay rights movement. Today there are pride celebrations nationwide that include parades, concerts, and festivals

The rights and position of LGBTQ+ people is still precarious in this country, meaning that *pride month is still as important* as ever. Pride month *helps create a safe space* for LGBTQ+ people to exercise self expression in community.

Amidst the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ people: mental health can be the first thing to take a toll. Thankfully, there is a wide range of mental health services available around Suffolk, VA that are safe and affirming providers:

**Western Tidewater CSB** 

**Thriving Transmen of Color** 

Region-Five Crisis Line

**The Trevor Project** 

LGBT Life Center

IMI.com

**Trans Lifeline** 

