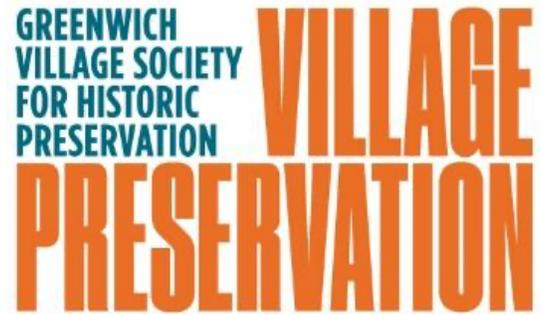




THE ADVOCATE FOR NEW YORK CITY'S HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS



February 12, 2026

Hon. Donald J. Trump, President
The White House
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Hon. Doug Bergum
Secretary of the Interior
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Re: Removal of Rainbow Flags from Stonewall National Monument, New York

Dear President Trump, Secretary Bergum, and Acting Director Bowron,

We write to strenuously object to the National Park Service's removal of rainbow flags from the Stonewall National Monument in Greenwich Village, and to urge their return immediately.

It's outrageous that the federal government would seek to erase or hide the history connected to this or any other national historic site. The Stonewall National Monument was designated in 2016 specifically to honor the history of the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement and struggle, which the rainbow flag symbolizes. Its removal is nothing more than an attempt to whitewash and remove history.

National monuments and other national historic sites exist to tell the full breadth of American history, and recognize the various peoples, communities, and movements which combined to make us the nation we are today. Rather than attempting to squash or remove such history, the federal government and the National Parks Service should be doing what it's done for decades — elevate, illuminate, and celebrate that history. The Stonewall National Monument, and the ongoing struggle for LGBTQ+ civil rights and equality, deserves no less. We urge you to officially restore the flag immediately.

Sincerely,



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