

Introduced by Senators Kehoe and Leno

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Senate Resolution No. 44—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

1 WHEREAS, California and the United States of America have
2 historically stood for the principles of equality and justice where
3 all people have inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the
4 pursuit of happiness; and

5 WHEREAS, California’s and America’s diversity is one of our
6 greatest strengths; and

7 WHEREAS, To achieve a just and fair society, we must teach
8 our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences,
9 and to recognize the common good in all of us; and

10 WHEREAS, Our great state protects its residents from
11 discrimination and harassment based on actual or perceived race,
12 color, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, physical or
13 mental ability, medical condition, sex, including gender identity,
14 or sexual orientation; and

15 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
16 have made important and lasting contributions to our great state
17 and nation in every field of endeavor, including business, medicine,
18 law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music,
19 philanthropy, sports, arts, and culture that enrich our national life;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
22 come from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, religion,
23 ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, economic status, physical or
24 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity; and

1 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have come a long
2 way in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual
3 respect for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the
4 prejudice and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
5 transgender people encounter; and

6 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we
7 must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people,
8 including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year the month of June marks the anniversary
10 of the Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian,
11 gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

12 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,
13 their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and
14 equality celebrate during the month of June the notable
15 achievements and outstanding services that lesbian, gay, bisexual,
16 and transgender Americans make to our great state and nation;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
19 of the State of California proclaims June 2010 as Lesbian, Gay,
20 Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents
21 to join in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of
22 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the
23 people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality
24 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies
26 of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the
27 author for appropriate distribution.