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House Resolution No. 43—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, Our great state and nation consistently and
2 diligently strives to promote the egalitarian principles of equality
3 and justice where all people have inalienable rights, including life,
4 liberty, and the 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

1 WHEREAS, Our great state protects its residents from
2 discrimination and harassment based on actual or perceived race,
3 ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, physical or
4 mental ability, medical condition, sex, including gender identity
5 or expression, or sexual orientation; and

6 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
7 have made important and lasting contributions to our great state
8 and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited
9 to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics,
10 education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and
11 culture, that enrich our national life; and

12 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
13 come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color,
14 religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or
15 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or
16 expression; and

17 WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the United States,
18 a sitting President and Vice President, President Barack Obama
19 and Vice President Joe Biden, affirmed their support for the
20 fundamental right to marry, regardless of sexual orientation or
21 gender. Former Vice President Dick Cheney and former First Lady
22 Laura Bush have also affirmed their support for marriage equality;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States struck
25 down the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), affirming
26 that all loving and committed couples who are married deserve
27 equal treatment and respect from the federal government; and

28 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States ruled that
29 Proposition 8 sponsors had no standing to appeal the federal trial
30 court's decision that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional, thereby
31 restoring marriage equality in California; and

32 WHEREAS, Married same-sex couples now enjoy the same
33 rights and privileges granted to other married couples, including
34 joint tax filings, military benefits, family and medical leave, and
35 the ability to sponsor their foreign spouse; and

36 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense repealed "Don't Ask,
37 Don't Tell," allowing servicemen and women to serve their country
38 openly and proudly; and

39 WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
40 are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in

1 professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in
2 business, and serving as role models for all; and

3 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed
4 in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect
5 for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice
6 and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
7 people and their families encounter, and to this end, we continue
8 working for the passage of the inclusive federal Employment
9 Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), comprehensive immigration
10 reform, and increased awareness of the difficulties facing the
11 transgender community; and

12 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we
13 must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Friends and allies of the LGBT community have
16 shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of
17 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people at home and abroad;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Each year, June marks the anniversary of the
20 Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay,
21 bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

22 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed June as
23 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month and
24 reaffirmed his administration's goal of eliminating prejudice
25 everywhere it exists and celebrating the great diversity of the
26 American people; and

27 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,
28 their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and
29 equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the
30 notable achievements, and the outstanding services that lesbian,
31 gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state
32 and nation; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
34 *Assembly proclaims June 2014 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and*
35 *Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in*
36 *celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of*
37 *lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the*
38 *people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality*
39 *for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their*
40 *families; and be it further*

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the
- 3 author for appropriate distribution.

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