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Senate Resolution No. 14—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

- 1     WHEREAS, Our great state and nation strive to promote the  
2 egalitarian principles of equality and justice where all people have  
3 inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of  
4 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 expression, 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, but not limited  
18 to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics,  
19 education, music, philanthropy, sports, arts, and culture, that enrich  
20 our national life; 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

1 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or  
2 expression; and

3 WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the United States,  
4 a sitting President and Vice President, President Barack Obama  
5 and Vice President Joe Biden, affirmed their support for the  
6 fundamental right to marry, regardless of sexual orientation or  
7 gender. Former Vice President Dick Cheney and former First Lady  
8 Laura Bush have also affirmed their support for marriage equality;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people  
11 are being elected to public offices across the country; and

12 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed  
13 in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect  
14 for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice  
15 and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender  
16 people and their families encounter, and to this end, we call for  
17 the passage of the inclusive federal Employment  
18 Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) and comprehensive immigration  
19 reform; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Our friends and allies have shown considerable  
24 support and commitment to the struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
25 and transgender people; and

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

29 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed June as  
30 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month and  
31 reaffirmed his administration's goal of eliminating prejudice  
32 everywhere it exists and to celebrate the great diversity of the  
33 American people; and

34 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,  
35 their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and  
36 equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the  
37 notable achievements, and the outstanding services that lesbian,  
38 gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state  
39 and nation; now, therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate  
2 proclaims June 2013 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender  
3 (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in celebrating the  
4 culture, accomplishments, and contributions of lesbian, gay,  
5 bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the people of  
6 California to work to help advance the cause of equality for lesbian,  
7 gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families; and be it  
8 further  
9     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
10 this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the author  
11 for appropriate distribution.

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