

House Resolution

No. 24

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House Resolution No. 24—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

1 WHEREAS, Our great state and nation strives to promote the
2 principles of equality and justice, and the inalienable rights of all
3 people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and
4 WHEREAS, California's and America's diversity is one of our
5 greatest strengths; and
6 WHEREAS, To achieve a just and fair society, we must teach
7 our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences,
8 and to recognize the common good in all of us; and
9 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
10 come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color,
11 religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or
12 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or
13 expression; and
14 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
15 have made important and lasting contributions to our great state
16 and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited
17 to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics,
18 education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and
19 culture, that enrich our national life; and
20 WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the United States,
21 a sitting President and Vice President, President Barack Obama

1 and Vice President Joe Biden, affirmed their support for the
2 fundamental right to marry, regardless of sexual orientation or
3 gender; and

4 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States struck
5 down a provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA),
6 which barred the federal government from recognizing same-sex
7 marriages, affirming that all loving and committed couples who
8 are married deserve equal treatment and respect; and

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

13 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States is now
14 considering the constitutional basis for marriage equality and
15 whether millions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
16 individuals across the country are able to marry whom they love;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, A growing number of married same-sex couples
19 now enjoy the same rights and privileges granted to other married
20 couples, including joint tax filings, military benefits, family and
21 medical leave, and the ability to sponsor their foreign spouse; and

22 WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
23 are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in
24 professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in
25 business, and serving as role models for all; and

26 WHEREAS, The transgender community in particular, has
27 gained newfound prominence in the media, entertainment, sports,
28 and business, raising awareness about gender identity and the
29 obstacles this community continues to face; and

30 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed
31 in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect
32 for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice
33 and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
34 people and their families encounter, and to this end, we continue
35 working for the passage of the inclusive federal Employment
36 Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), comprehensive immigration
37 reform, and increased awareness of the difficulties facing the
38 transgender community; and

39 WHEREAS, Friends and allies of the LGBT community have
40 shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of

1 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people at home and abroad;
2 and

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

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

9 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed June as
10 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month and
11 reaffirmed his administration's goal of eliminating prejudice
12 everywhere it exists and celebrating the great diversity of the
13 American people; and

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

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
21 Assembly proclaims June 2015 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
22 Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in
23 celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of
24 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the
25 people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality
26 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their
27 families; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the
30 author for appropriate distribution.

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