

**House Resolution**

**No. 54**

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House Resolution No. 54—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

1 WHEREAS, Our great state and nation strive 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 more just and fair society, we must  
7 teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our  
8 differences, 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, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people  
15 are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in  
16 professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in  
17 business and government, and serving as role models for all; and  
18 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people  
19 have made important and lasting contributions to our great state  
20 and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited  
21 to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics,

1 education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and  
2 culture, that enrich our national life; 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; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has found  
18 a constitutional basis for marriage equality, granting millions of  
19 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals across the  
20 country the ability to marry people whom they love; and

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

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

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

38 WHEREAS, Friends and allies of the LGBT community have  
39 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 2016 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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