

Introduced by Senators Lara, Galgiani, and Leno

June 8, 2016

Senate Resolution No. 79—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,
22 education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and
23 culture, that enrich our national life; and
24 WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the United States,
25 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

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10 down a provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA),
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13 are married deserve equal treatment and respect; and

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

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

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

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

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40 shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of

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7 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we
8 must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people;
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10 WHEREAS, Each year, June marks the anniversary of the
11 Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay,
12 bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

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

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

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
25 proclaims June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender
26 (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in celebrating the
27 culture, accomplishments, and contributions of lesbian, gay,
28 bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the people of
29 California to work to help advance the cause of equality for lesbian,
30 gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families; and be it
31 further; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
33 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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