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No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

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House Resolution No. 20—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

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed
24 in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect
25 for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice
26 and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
27 people and their families encounter, and to this end, we call for
28 the passage of the inclusive federal Employment
29 Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) and comprehensive immigration
30 reform; and

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

34 WHEREAS, Our friends and allies have shown considerable
35 support and commitment to the struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual,
36 and transgender people; and

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

1 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed June as
2 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month and
3 reaffirmed his administration's goal of eliminating prejudice
4 everywhere it exists and to celebrate the great diversity of the
5 American people; and

6 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,
7 their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and
8 equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the
9 notable achievements, and the outstanding services that lesbian,
10 gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state
11 and nation; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
13 Assembly proclaims June 2013 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
14 Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in
15 celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of
16 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the
17 people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality
18 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their
19 families; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
21 of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the
22 author for appropriate distribution.