

Resolution Proclaiming the Month of June 2013 as LGBT Pride Month

WHEREAS, In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBT Americans were commonly subjected, marking the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBT Americans; and LGBT citizens continue to suffer discrimination, hostility and exclusion at almost every level of society, including in areas of housing, employment, healthcare, family law, immigration and marriage equality; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) has been celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the commitment of the LGBT pioneers who fought for civil rights in the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan, a critical tipping point historically for the LGBT community in the United States; and during this month we celebrate the progress we have made in creating a community more inclusive and accepting of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and the transgendered; and

WHEREAS, President Obama issued a proclamation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month, pointing to the contributions made by LGBT Americans both in promoting equal rights to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and in broader initiatives such as the response to the global HIV pandemic, calling upon the people of the United States to "turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists"; and

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Democratic Party of Orange County stands committed and united to help break down the walls of fear and prejudice, and will work to build a bridge to understanding and acceptance until gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered individuals are afforded the same rights and responsibilities as all Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Democratic Party of Orange County does hereby call upon residents, employers, and public officials to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and does further encourage all to observe the month of June with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that celebrate our diversity and recognize LGBT Americans whose many and varied contributions have enriched our lives.

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