

Date of Hearing: June 16, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 114 (Low) – As Introduced June 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month, and urges all Californians to join in celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Our great state and nation strives to promote the principles of equality and justice and the inalienable rights of all people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To achieve a more just and fair society, we must teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences, and to recognize the common good in all of us.
- 2) LGBTQ+ people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or expression.
- 3) LGBTQ+ people have made important and lasting contributions to our great state and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and culture, that enrich our national life.
- 4) While our great state and nation have progressed in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people and their families encounter.
- 5) Each year, June marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer civil rights movement. The first New York City Pride Rally occurred one month after the Stonewall Riots in June 1969, when 500 people gathered for a “Gay Power” demonstration in Washington Square Park, followed by a candlelight vigil in Sheridan Square.
- 6) On the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, the NYC Pride organization simultaneously hosted “WorldPride” during its 2019 season. This was the first WorldPride celebration hosted on United States soil, and the second North American WorldPride in the event’s over 20 year history.
- 7) June 2019, marked the first annual proclamation of the month as LGBTQ Pride Month by the Governor of California.
- 8) Pride celebrations are once again being held in person around the world for the first time in two years. It is crucial that we emphasize the importance of this year’s Pride celebration and highlight the unique power these events have to bring people together and empower love, acceptance, and change.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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