

Timeline of LGBT History



1610



- ✧ Virginia adopts “sodomy laws” of England making sex between two men a capital crime
 - ✧ Elizabeth Johnson was the first women to be punished for violating this law in 1642
 - ✧ In 1778, Gotthold Enslin became the first American discharged from the Army for sodomy

1629



- ✧ U.S. Court in Virginia rules that 3rd gender is legal in the case of Thomas and Thomasine Hall
 - ✧ It was decided that Hall was both a man and a woman, despite lack of evidence of female genitals.
 - ✧ The court specified the clothing Hall was to wear, which included both male and female apparel.

1727



- ☞ Charles Hitchin is convicted of attempted sodomy and put in the pillory
 - ☞ Friends from the molly houses attempt to protect him from a mob
 - ☞ Turns into a huge fight and one of the earliest recorded acts of LGBT resistance

1869



- ☞ Hungarian psychologist Karoly Maria Benkert invents the word “homosexual” to describe people attracted to the same sex
 - ☞ Shift in thought: now homosexuality is seen as a “psychological condition”



1885



- ❧ The *Labouchere Amendment* is passed in England
 - ❧ Also known as the “Blackmailer’s Charter”
 - ❧ Every and any form of male homosexual expression that offended the feelings of a jury became criminal
 - ❧ The punishment was imprisonment and potentially hard labor

1889



- ☞ “Boston Marriage” was a term created to refer to two women who have lived together for a long period of time
- ☞ This term was created because of the large numbers of professional women who did so in Boston



1897



- ☞ Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld founds the first gay liberation organization in Germany - the Scientific Humanitarian Committee
 - ☞ He also coined the term “transvestite”



1919



- ☞ Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld founds the Institute of Sexology in Berlin
 - ☞ Primary focus: civil rights for women and the LGBT Community



1924

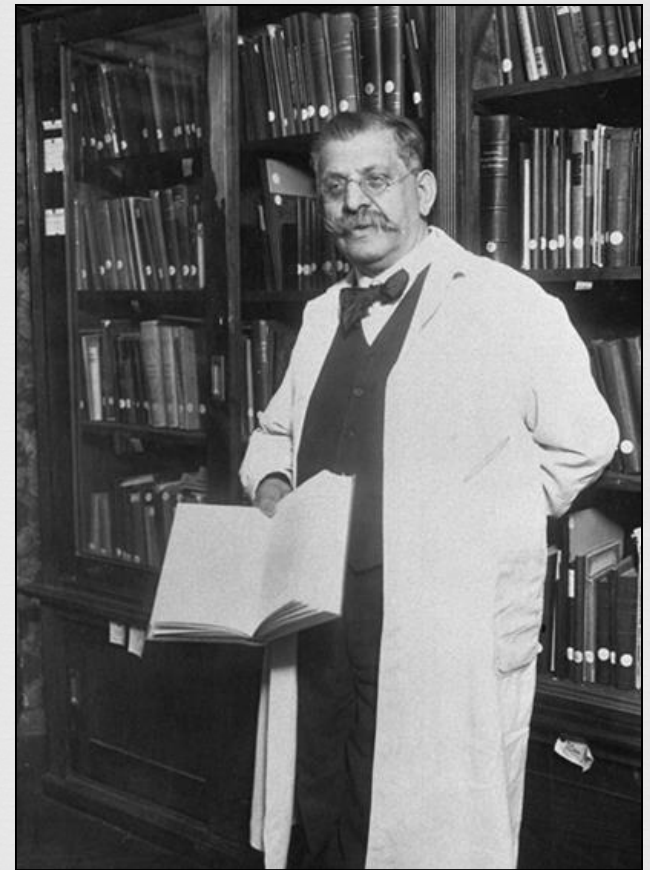


- ✧ America's first known gay rights organization is founded - The Society for Human Rights
 - ✧ It was disbanded after a year due to harassment

1930



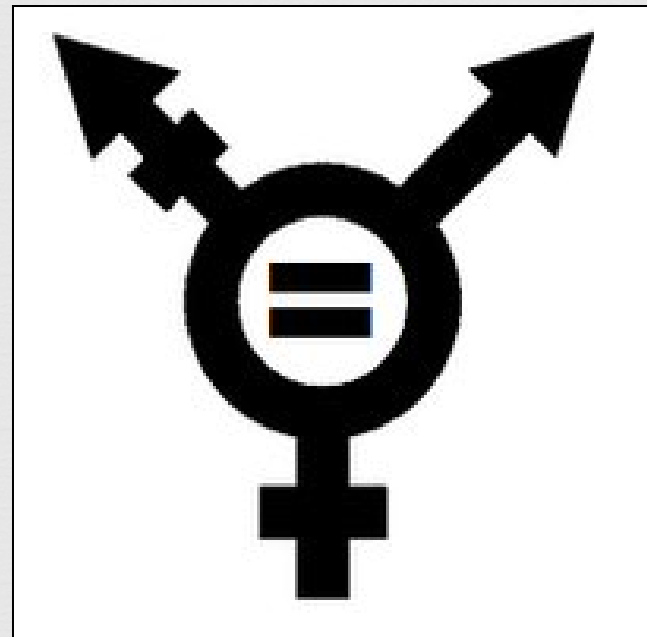
☞ Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld
performs the first documented
sexual reassignment surgery
on Dora-R



1931



☞ Cantonal Court in Nidwald, Switzerland grants change of “civic status” from male to female for Margirth Businger



1942

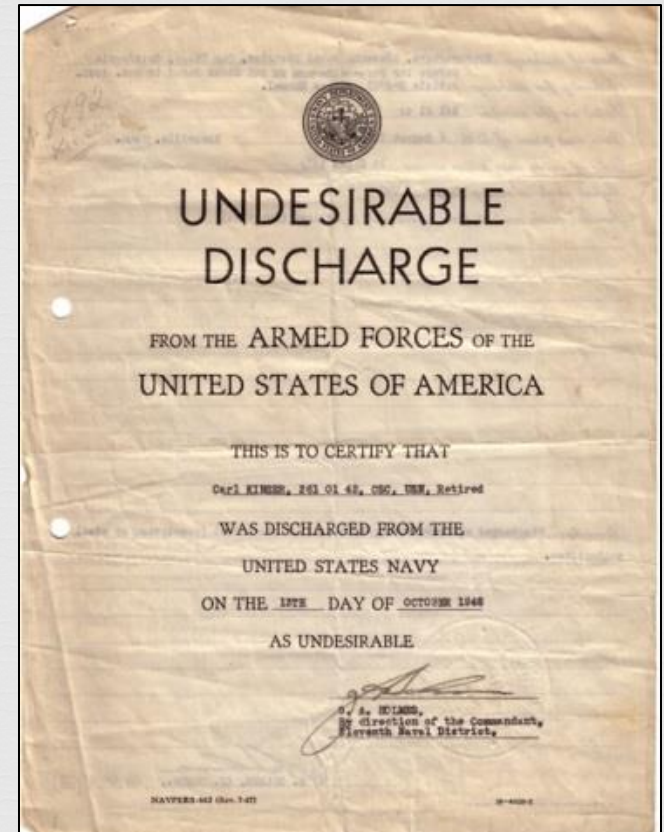


- ☞ U.S. military, under the influence of the psychiatric establishment, revises codes on homosexual behavior
 - ☞ Army began asking soldiers about their sexual orientation upon entrance
 - ☞ “Blue Discharges” are presented to soldiers who admit to being gay

1945



☞ Veterans Benevolent Association
is founded to fight the
“Blue Discharge” system



1947



∞ The first U.S. lesbian magazine, *Vice-Versa*, was published

Vice Versa
by Lisa Ben

"America's Gayest Magazine"

June 1947 - February 1948

1948



☞ The *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* was adopted by the UN

☞ “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.” -Article 1



1949



🌀 Dr. Harry Benjamin begins treating transgender individuals in San Francisco with hormones



1950

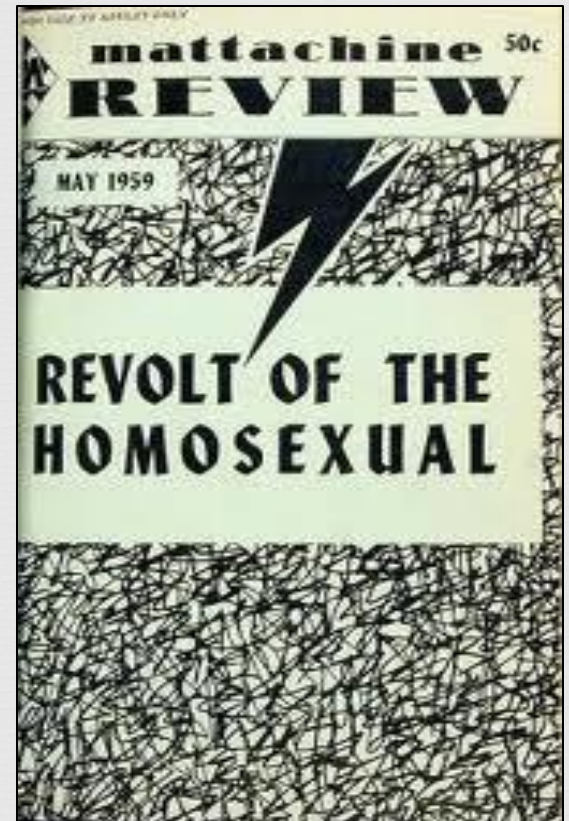


- ✧ John Puerifoy, undersecretary of state, speaks of “pervert peril” in a testimony before Congress
- ✧ This leads to “witch hunts” for gays who work in the federal government

1950 cont.



✧ The Mattachine Society is created in Los Angeles, which becomes America's first ongoing gay rights organization



1952



- ☞ Christine Jorgensen creates awareness about transgender issues
 - ☞ While she was not the first to medically transition, her fame helped others learn about the transgender community for the first time



1953



- ✧ President Dwight Eisenhower bans employment of gays by the government in *Executive Order 10450*
- ✧ Employees of federal, state, and local government must take “loyalty oaths” to gain employment swearing that they are not homosexual
- ✧ This was later repealed in 1975

1955



☞ Phyllis Marin and Del Lyon found America's first lesbian rights organization, the Daughters of Bilitis, in San Francisco



1955 cont.



✧ Illinois General Assembly creates procedure to change sex on birth documents

1958

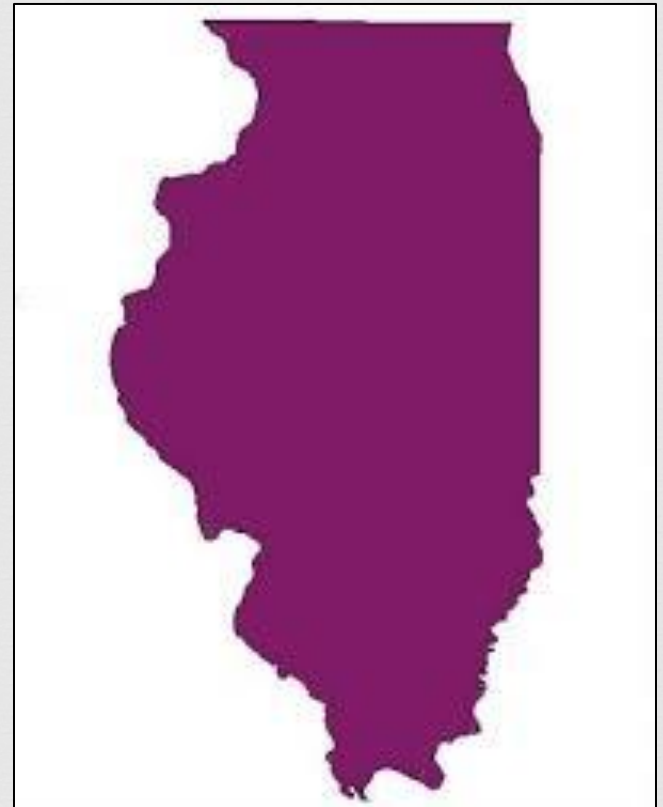


- ❧ *One* magazine, a publication affiliated with The Mattachine Society, wins a case against the U.S. Postal Service.
- ❧ The Postal Service had banned distribution of any publications on homosexuality through the mail as “obscenity” before the Supreme Court.

1962



✧ Illinois is the first state to decriminalize homosexual acts between consenting adults in private



1964



☞ Congress passes the *Civil Rights Act*

☞ The act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, or national origin



1966



✧ The world's first transgender organization is established in San Francisco, the National Transsexual Counseling Unit

1968



- 🌀 The District Court of Hennepin County Minnesota grants Sandra Valdesuso, then a performer at the Minneapolis Club the Gay 90s under the stage name Shalimar, a legal name change.
- 🌀 The court ruled that Sandra “mentally and physically was not adjusted to male status and was not a perfectly formed male person” and “is hereby declared to be a female person.”

1969



- ❧ The Stonewall Riots break out in New York when a group of gay customers at a popular gay bar in Greenwich Village, called the Stonewall Inn, who had grown angry at the harassment by police, took a stand.
- ❧ The riots inspired LGBT people throughout the country to organize in support of gay rights, and within two years after the riots, gay rights groups had been started in nearly every major city in the United States.
- ❧ Creates a new militant style of protesting

1970



- ☞ Christopher Street Liberation Day commemorates the one year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots
- ☞ The annual gay pride parade will spread to dozens of countries around the world

1971



☞ Transsex is added to the dictionary

On the Line

Dictionary Tests New Words

By BOB CONSIDINE

NEW YORK—Walter Winchell once was the prime supplier of new words: slangage, infatigating, intions of love,

rodder is the newest winter menace, a nut who races snowmobiles.

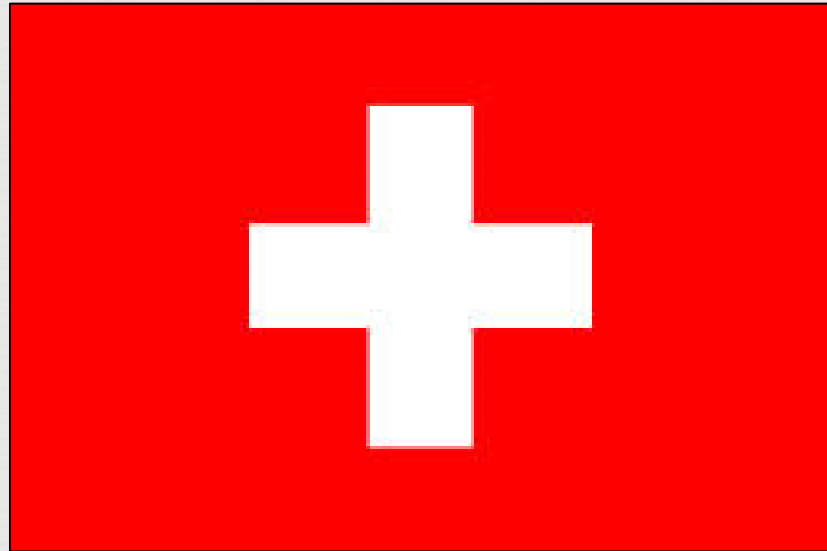
Custerism, of course, means "bravado displayed in a last-

native country" and 2) "the migration of amateur athletes from their native country in order to accept substantial college scholarships."

1972



☞ Switzerland becomes the first in the world to legalize gender reassignments



1973



- ❧ The American Psychiatric Association votes to remove homosexuality from its lists of illnesses
- ❧ This ends a century of efforts by psychologists to “cure” gays



1976



- ☞ Harvey Milk is appointed to the Board of Permit Appeals
- ☞ He is the first openly gay U.S. commissioner



1976 cont.



Phyllis Frye makes trans classification table.

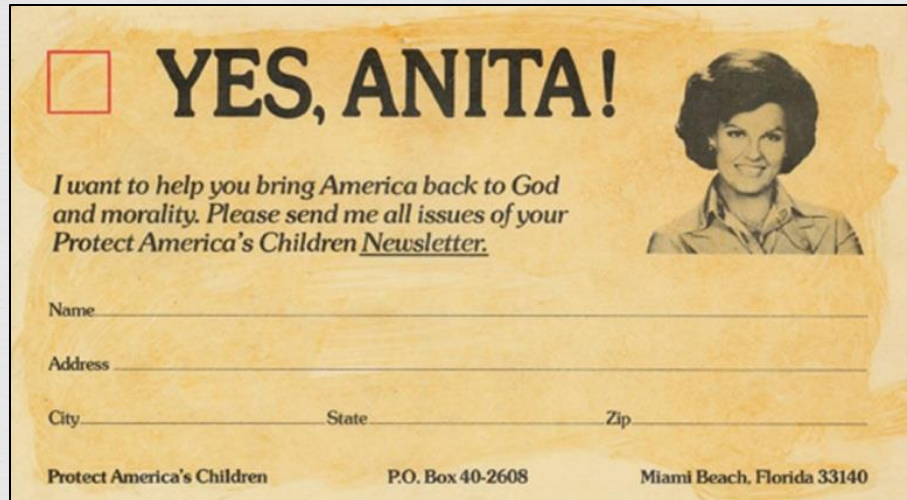
OPINIONS ON: JUNE 1976

TRANVESTITE	TRANSGENDERIST	TRANSSEXUAL
Fetish (LEGS, RUMP, BUTT, LONG HAIR)	Role Change (ANTI-MACHO)	Sex Reassignment (DIFFERENT PATHOLOGY)
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NORMAL if NOT THREATENED BY LOSS OF JOB, FRIENDS OR CHURCH BY IGNORANCE, HOMOPHOBIC OR "CHRISTIANS"	NORMAL if ACCEPTED IF NOT, OFTEN GOES TO ROUTE →	NORMAL if REALLY A TS! DIFFICULT TO SUICIDAL TO PROSTITUTION IF TG

1977




- ☞ Dade County, FL attempts to pass a civil rights ordinance making sexual orientation discrimination illegal.
- ☞ It doesn't pass due to the Save Our Children Campaign created by Anita Bryant.



YES, ANITA!

I want to help you bring America back to God and morality. Please send me all issues of your Protect America's Children Newsletter.



Name _____

Address _____

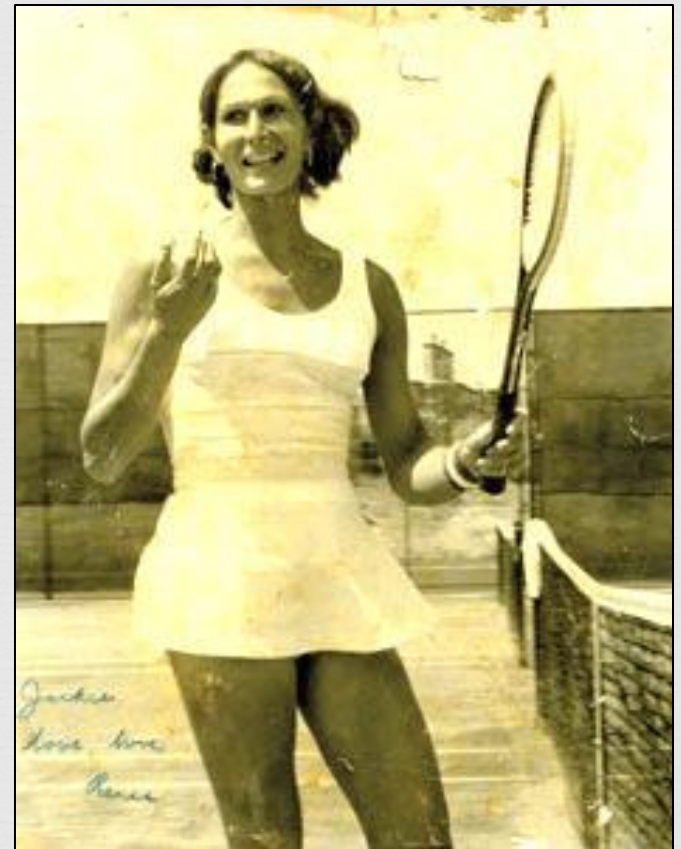
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Protect America's Children P.O. Box 40-2608 Miami Beach, Florida 33140

1977 cont.



☞ The Supreme Court rules in favor of Renee Richards, a transsexual tennis player, allowing her to play professional women's tennis



1978



✧ In California, *AB-385* becomes law permitting the Department of Health to issue new birth certificates to post-op transsexuals

1979



- ☞ The first March on Washington for Gay Rights draws 100,000 marchers
- ☞ In 1987, the second March draws 500,000 marchers



1980



- ✧ The Democratic Rules Committee states it will not discriminate against homosexuals
 - ✧ Thus, the Democrats become the first political party to endorse a homosexual rights platform

1981



- ☞ “Gay Cancer” is relabeled with the medical term Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- ☞ ***President Reagan refuses to acknowledge AIDS as a serious medical issue***



1982



Wisconsin became the first state to ban employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation



1984



☞ Berkley, California became the first city to offer its employees domestic partnership benefits

1986



☞ Beck Smith and Annie Afleck became the first openly lesbian couple in the U.S. to be granted legal joint adoption of a child



1987



- ✧ The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) is created
 - ✧ The organization forces the government to take action to fight AIDS for the first time



1988



- ☞ National Education Association adopts a resolution calling for every school district to provide counseling for students struggling with their sexual orientation
- ☞ The first National Coming Out Day is held



1988 cont.



✧ The Episcopal Diocese of Newark, New Jersey became the first church in the country to support ministers and congregations who condoned and blessed relationships between gay and lesbian couples

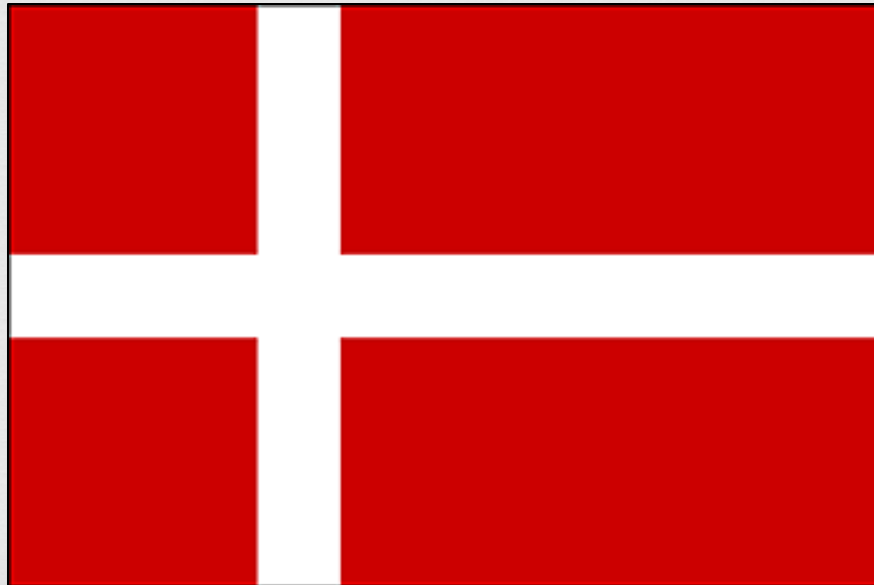
✧ The first World AIDS Day is held



1989



- œ Denmark becomes the first nation to legalize gay marriage
 - œ In 1993, Norway becomes the second nation to legalize gay marriage



1989 cont.



- ☞ The Stonewall postage stamp is issued.
- ☞ The U.S. Postal Service issued a pride postmark to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots

1990



- ✧ President George H.W. Bush signs into law the *Hate Crime Statistics Act*
 - ✧ This is the first federal law to include the term sexual orientation
- ✧ President Bush also signs the *Ryan White Care Act*, creating a federally funded program for people living with AIDS

1990 cont.



- At the 101st Annual Conference of American Rabbis, it was decided that gay men and lesbians would be accepted as rabbis.
- The resolution states that "...All Rabbis, regardless of their sexual orientation, be accorded the opportunity to fulfill the sacred vocation which they have chosen."

1992



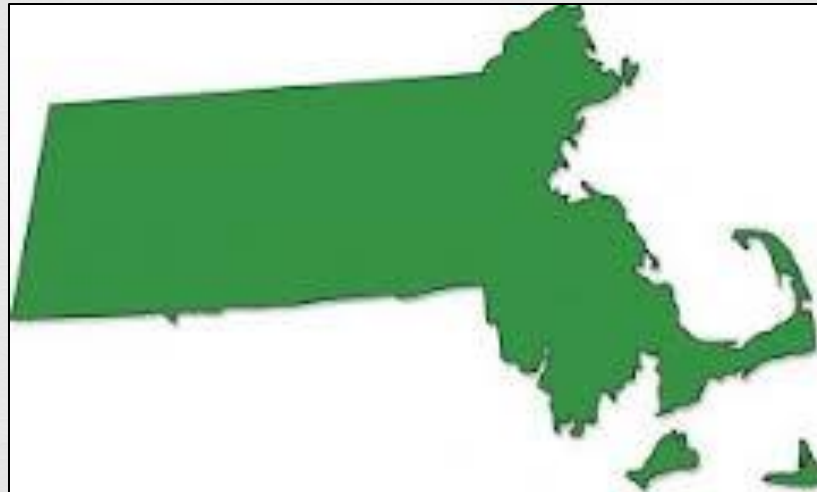
☞ 1st International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy.

☞ This conference was for “attorneys and other legal professionals; for employment, personnel, and other human resources professionals; and for members of the transgender community.”

1993



- ☞ Massachusetts becomes the first state to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation against public school students.
- ☞ This sounds the call for Youth Activism.



1993 cont.



- ☞ “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy is instituted in the U.S. military
- ☞ This policy permits gays and lesbians to serve in the military, but bans homosexual activity



1995

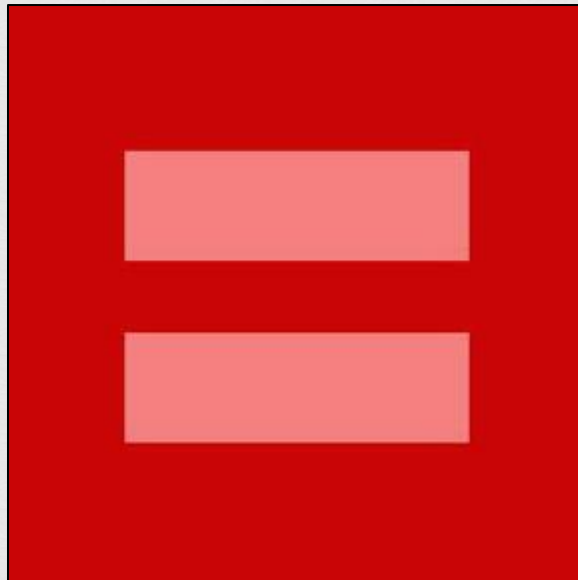


✧ President Bill Clinton signed an executive order barring the Federal Government from denying security clearances to homosexuals simply on the basis of their sexual orientation.

1996



☞ *Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)* allows states to not recognize same-sex marriages, even when performed legally in other states



1996

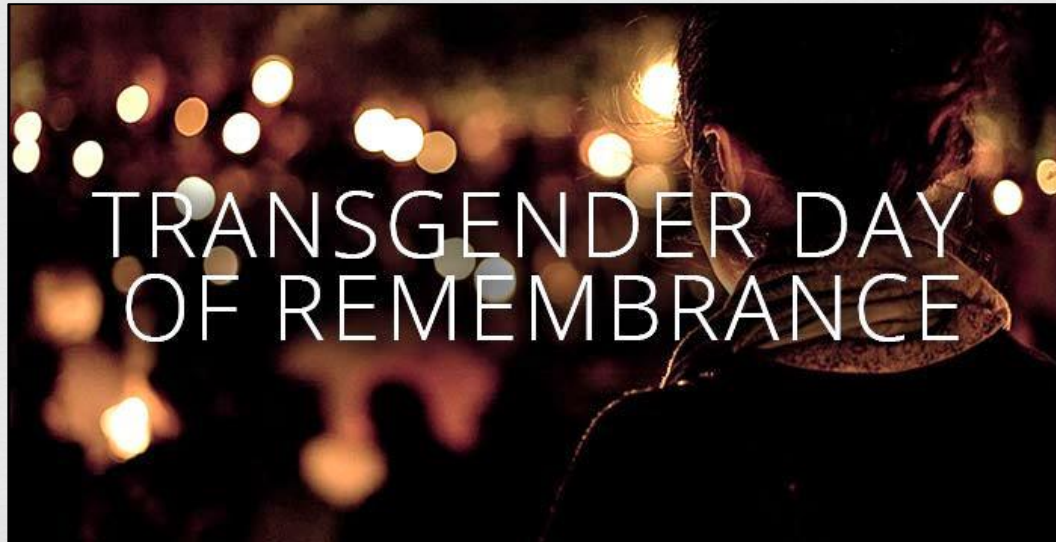


- ✧ In the case of *Romer vs. Evans*, the Supreme Court struck down a Colorado state constitutional amendment, “Amendment 2,” adopted by statewide referendum that prohibited all levels of state government from granting special protections to homosexuals.
- ✧ It was found that “a state cannot deem a class of persons a stranger to its laws.”

1998



- ☞ Rita Hester's murder led to "Remembering Our Dead" web project
 - ☞ It also led to the first International Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) in 1999



1999



☞ California adopts a domestic partnership law granting same-sex partners all the legal rights and benefits of married couples

2000



- ☞ Vermont becomes the first state to legalize same-sex civil unions and registered partnership
- ☞ The Transgender Pride flag made its first appearance at a pride parade in Phoenix, Arizona



2002



- ☞ The Transgender Law center is founded
 - ☞ Their mission is to change law, policy, and attitudes so that all people can live safely, authentically, and free from discrimination regardless of their gender identity or expression.



2003



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- ✧ In the case of *Lawrence vs. Texas*, the Supreme Court strikes down a Texas law banning the private, consensual sex between same-sex adults
 - ✧ All sodomy laws are considered unconstitutional in the U.S.

2004



☞ Massachusetts becomes the first state to legalize same-sex marriage



2006



✧ In California, Insurance *Non-Discrimination Act* (AB1586) clarifies that state law prohibits gender discrimination by health care companies and service plans

2007



☞ House of Representatives approved a bill ensuring equal rights in the workplace for gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals

2008



- ☞ California voters approve *Proposition 8*, making same-sex marriage in California illegal
- ☞ This inspires the NOH8 campaign



2009



☞ President Obama signs a referendum allowing same-sex partners of federal employees to receive benefits, but not full health coverage



2009 cont.



- ✧ The *Matthew Shepard Act* expands the federal hate crime law to include crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability

2010



- œ President Obama repeals *“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”*
- œ Gender identity is added to the federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) statement of federal job postings

2011



☞ California Governor Jerry Brown signed the landmark bill requiring public schools to include the contributions of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender in social studies curriculum

2012



- ☞ Tammy Baldwin becomes the first openly gay politician elected to the Senate
- ☞ The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) declares transgender employees protected. They also emphasize that discrimination violates Title VII of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964*

2013



- ☞ The Supreme Court has two days of historical debate over gay marriage
 - ☞ The SC rules that *DOMA* is unconstitutional
 - ☞ The SC considers overturning Proposition 8, but does not at this time



2014



- ☞ Scotland becomes the 17th country to legalize gay marriage
 - ☞ The U.S. has yet to be included to this list

