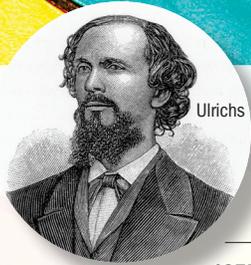


1867 “Father of the LGBT Movement” Karl-Heinrich Ulrichs is first to speak out for gay rights



Ulrichs

1973 American Psychiatric Association removes “homosexuality” as a mental disorder

1975 Minneapolis becomes first city to protect transgender people by law from discrimination

1978 Rainbow flag is first used as symbol of gay pride

1979 First national gay-rights march is held in Washington, D.C.

1980 David McReynolds becomes first openly LGBT person to run for president, for Socialist Party USA

1982 Wisconsin is first state to ban discrimination on basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations

1983 Representative Gerry Studds (Mass.) becomes first openly gay member of Congress

1986 In *Bowers v. Hardwick*, Supreme Court upholds Georgia law banning homosexual sex

1989 Denmark becomes first country to legalize same-gender partnerships

1991 First TV kiss between same-gender couple, two women on L.A. Law

1993 “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy allows gays/lesbians to serve in the U.S. military as long as they are closeted

Minnesota passes the first state-wide law prohibiting discrimination against transgender people

1903 First recorded raid on gay bathhouse, in New York City; 12 men charged with sodomy

1924 Society for Human Rights, the first gay-rights organization in the United States, is founded. It is shut down by police within a few months

1945 Veterans Benevolent Association, first LGBT veterans group, is formed

1952 George Jorgensen Jr. is first American to have gender reassignment surgery, becoming Christine Jorgensen



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1955 Daughters of Bilitis, first national U.S. lesbian organization, is formed

1958 In first case regarding LGBT rights, Supreme Court protects First Amendment rights of ONE: The Homosexual Magazine

1962 Illinois becomes first state to remove sodomy from criminal code

1966 National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations is formed



Stonewall riots

1969 Stonewall riots in New York gain national attention for gay rights

1970 First Gay Liberation Day March is held in New York City; similar events are held in Los Angeles and San Francisco

1993 Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Roberta Achtenberg becomes first openly LGBT official confirmed by Senate

1996 In *Romer v. Evans*, Supreme Court says gays and lesbians have same right to be protected against discrimination as non-LGBT people

President Clinton signs Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) into law

1999 California becomes first state to legalize domestic partnerships for same-gender couples

2000 Vermont becomes first state to legalize civil unions for same-gender couples

2000 President Clinton declares June Gay and Lesbian Pride Month

2003 In *Lawrence v. Texas*, Supreme Court overturns 1986 ruling and declares anti-sodomy laws unconstitutional

2004 Massachusetts becomes first state to legalize same-gender marriage

2007 DiversityInc requires domestic-partner benefits as a prerequisite to make DiversityInc Top 50 list

2008 Diego Sanchez is hired as senior policy adviser by openly gay U.S. Representative Barney Frank (Mass.), making him first transgender staffer on Capitol Hill

2009 President Obama signs law making it federal crime to assault someone because of sexual orientation or gender identity

President Obama declares June Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month



DeGeneres with wife Portia de Rossi

Respect for Marriage Act introduced in Congress; would repeal DOMA and require government to recognize legal same-gender marriages

2010 President Obama signs law ending “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy

Supreme Court agrees to hear Edith Windsor’s case, which challenges the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act.

2011 Obama administration announces it will actively combat anti-LGBT efforts by other countries



Obama signing repeal of DADT

2012 Ellen DeGeneres is named jcpenny spokesperson; CEO Ron Johnson supports her—and her strong values—despite protests from group calling itself “One Million Moms”

Seven LGBT candidates win election into House and Senate

2013 Maryland (Jan. 1), Delaware (July 1), Rhode Island (Aug. 1), Minnesota (Aug. 1) bring to 12 the number of states to allow same-gender marriage

Supreme Court hears arguments against Proposition 8 and DOMA. A ruling on both cases is anticipated in summer 2013



Windsor