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Pride Month JUNE-2011

Presidential Proclamation -Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION**

The story of America's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community is the story of our fathers and sons, our mothers and daughters, and our friends and neighbors who continue the task of making our country a more perfect Union. It is a story about the struggle to realize the great American promise that all people can live with dignity and fairness under the law. Each June, we commemorate the courageous individuals who have fought to achieve this promise for LGBT Americans, and we rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. ...

Every generation of Americans has brought our Nation closer to fulfilling its promise of equality. While progress has taken time, our achievements in advancing the rights of LGBT Americans remind us that history is on our side, and that the American people will never stop striving toward liberty and justice for all.

For more information look at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/05/31/presidential-proclamation-lesbian-gay-bisexual-and-transgender-pride-mon>

California's Pride Month Poster

Marianne Hallet, Co-LGBTSEPM from California shared the poster prepared by Tom Share and Jim Cairns with her co-workers from California; we received a copy recently and wants to share it with you.

Both NRCS' employees have collaborated in providing a "Winning" - Outstanding June PRIDE month poster. This is an historic poster as it is the first June PRIDE Month Poster for California.

Marianne also mentioned that she believed it will be distributed at the USDA June PRIDE Celebration in Washington DC of June 2, 2011.



- Data obtained from Marianne Hallet's communication.

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Tod@s a la Parada de Orgullo LGBTT en San Juan...

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Como todos los años, Puerto Rico Para Tod@s te invita a que marches con nosotr@s en la 21ma. Parada de Orgullo Lésbico, Gay, Bisexual, Transexual y Transgénero (LGBTT) de San Juan.

El domingo 5 de junio desde las 11am nos reuniremos en el Parque del Indio en Condado (cerca de La Patisserie) y desde allí marcharemos hasta el Parque del Tercer Milenio.

Si eres heterosexual o LGBTT, únete a nuestro reclamo de igualdad de derechos, de respeto a la diversidad, de trato justo y de inclusión, del fin a la homofobia y la transfobia. Exigimos todos nuestros derechos y protecciones, queremos vivir en paz, sin crímenes de odio, sin violencia y en amor.

Como siempre, estaremos reclamando igualdad para las personas lesbianas, gays, bisexuales, transexuales y transgéneros (LGBTT) y mostrando nuestro orgullo por nuestras identidades – porque Puerto Rico somos tod@s...

The Pride Celebration Parade in San Juan, Puerto Rico *

There are several local LGBT groups in Puerto Rico that invite the heterosexuals as well as the LGBT community for the Parade.

The purpose of the parade is to claim for equal rights, respect to diversity, equal treatment, and inclusion. They want to eradicate the homophobia and transphobia, avoid hate crimes and violence against LGBT 's.

This will be the 21st. Parade celebrated in Puerto Rico; it will be by June 5, 2011 at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

* Information obtained Webpage: pedrojulioserrano.com



Do you know ... How many people are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender? by Gary J. Gates, Williams Distinguished Scholar April-2011

Executive Summary

Increasing numbers of population-based surveys in the United States and across the world include questions that allow for an estimate of the size of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) population. This research brief discusses challenges associated with collecting better information about the LGBT community and reviews eleven recent US and international surveys that ask sexual orientation or gender identity questions. The brief concludes with estimates of the size of the LGBT population in the United States.

Key findings from the research brief are as follows:

- An estimated 3.5% of adults in the United States identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual and an estimated 0.3% of adults are transgender.
- This implies that there are approximately 9 million LGBT Americans, a figure roughly equivalent to the population of New Jersey.
- Among adults who identify as LGB, bisexuals comprise a slight majority (1.8% compared to 1.7% who identify as lesbian or gay).
- Women are substantially more likely than men to identify as bisexual. Bisexuals comprise more than half of the lesbian and bisexual population among women in eight of the nine surveys considered in the brief. Conversely, gay men comprise substantially more than half of gay and bisexual men in seven of the nine surveys.
- Estimates of those who report any lifetime same-sex sexual behavior and any same-sex sexual attraction are substantially higher than estimates of those who identify as LGB. An estimated 19 million Americans (8.2%) report that they have engaged in same-sex sexual behavior and nearly 25.6 million Americans (11%) acknowledge at least some same-sex sexual attraction.
- Understanding the size of the LGBT population is a critical first step to informing a host of public policy and research topics. The surveys highlighted in this report demonstrate the viability of sexual orientation and gender identity questions on large national population-based surveys. Adding these questions to more national, state, and local data sources is critical to developing research that enables a better understanding of the understudied LGBT community.

For more information look at: <http://www3.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute/publications/Policy-Census-index.html>

** Dear NRCS'ers your ideas are WELCOMED and we want to hear from you ! Please, let us know what kind of information you would like to receive, or questions do you have? You can contact your LGBT/SEPM at:

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