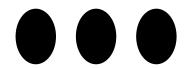




Obama Courts Gay Vote With LGBT Pride Month Proclamation

For the third consecutive year President Obama has signed a proclamation recognizing June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. "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," declared the President as he took his stand with America's homosexual activist lobby. In making the proclamation he emphasized that all Americans "rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity."



Since he <u>first started campaigning for the presidency</u>, Mr. Obama has rarely missed an opportunity to court the activist edge of the homosexual community, and in his decree he expanded on some of the "significant progress" his administration has made "towards achieving equality for LGBT Americans." For example, noted the President, late last year he was "proud to sign the repeal of the discriminatory '<u>Don't Ask</u>, <u>Don't Tell'</u>" policy, a politically motivated move meaning that "gay and lesbian Americans will be able to serve openly in our Armed Forces for the first time in our Nation's history." The President added that because of such a major change to the nation's military structure, "national security will be strengthened and the heroic contributions these Americans make to our military, and have made throughout our history, will be fully recognized."

Additionally, announced the President, "My Administration has also taken steps to eliminate discrimination against LGBT Americans in Federal housing programs," worked conscientiously "to give LGBT Americans the right to visit their loved ones in the hospital, and "made clear through executive branch nondiscrimination policies that discrimination on the basis of gender identity in the Federal workplace will not be tolerated." Significantly, the President said, he has also "continued to nominate and appoint highly qualified, openly LGBT individuals to executive branch and judicial positions," making certain that aggressive homosexual activists will be entrenched in key government sectors.

Internationally, Mr. Obama explained, his Administration has led "a global campaign to ensure 'sexual orientation' was included in the United Nations resolution on extrajudicial execution — the only United Nations resolution that specifically mentions LGBT people — to send the unequivocal message that no matter where it occurs, state-sanctioned killing of gays and lesbians is indefensible." Declaring that no one "should be harmed because of who they are or who they love," the President said that he "has mobilized unprecedented public commitments from countries around the world to join in the fight against hate and homophobia."

Domestically, the President assured, the campaign to "address and eliminate violence against LGBT



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individuals" continues through "enforcement and implementation of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act." And in an effort to "reduce the threat" of bullying against young people who have been convinced they are "gay" by the non-stop barrage of homosexual propaganda in schools and on TV, Mr. Obama, along with the First Lady, kindly hosted the very first "White House Conference on Bullying Prevention" last March. Additionally, the President reminded everyone, he and senior administration officials have also reached out to "LGBT youth who have been bullied" by taking part in the "It Gets Better" ad campaign launched by homosexual "sex advice" columnist Dan Savage.

While he didn't mention in it in his proclamation, one of Obama's most significant moves of late was his February 23 decision to order the Justice Department to stop defending the 1996 federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which defines marriage as between a man and a woman and protects states from being required to recognize same-sex partnerships. While posturing himself as a defender of traditional marriage and insisting that he had pained over the implications of legalizing same-sex partnerships, he concluded that after "careful consideration" of the law he could "no longer assert its constitutionality in court."

If there were any need to demonstrate that this is the first openly homosexualized presidential administration in U.S. history, the White House made it clear by recently unveiling its own "LGBT" website, which Brian Bond, the openly "gay" Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, described, according to lgbtqnation.com, as the "first ever LGBT specific constituency webpage" dedicated to showing "how President Obama and his team are working to win the future for LGBT Americans."

The website's homepage boasts that since taking office, "the President has demonstrated that his vision for a brighter future includes greater equality for LGBT Americans," and assures visitors that Mr. Obama and his administration are "dedicated to eliminating barriers to equality, fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and engaging LGBT communities across the country."

Included in the official government website are the latest news from the battle front in the Obama administration's fight for "gay" rights, a blog of inspiring posts from the homosexual lobby, a "fact sheet" called "Winning the Future for LGBT Americans," and links to other government sites on bullying, AIDS, and the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

The list of this administration's "accomplishments" could go on, but the message is plain: Mr. Obama counts the activist homosexual community as one of his most important voter blocs, and he deeply covets its aid in securing four additional years to further dismantle America's moral underpinnings.

In early May, the website <u>Politico.com</u> confirmed the President's partnership with homosexual activists in his 2012 re-election efforts, reporting that Mr. Obama's campaign team "is banking on gay donors to make up the cash it's losing from other groups of wealthy supporters who have been alienated and disappointed by elements of Obama's first term." With the Obama administration's successful campaign to dismantle "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," high-rolling homosexual donors "have surprised campaign officials with the extent of their support," reported Politico's Ben Smith and Maggie Haberman. "And the campaign's new fundraising apparatus appears designed to capitalize on their enthusiasm: Obama's finance committee included one gay man in 2008; there are 15 this year, a source said."

David Mixner, a homosexual activist from New York, told Politico that there has been a "sea change" from just a year or two ago when the homosexual community was deeply dissatisfied with the administration's stance on "gay" issues. In the upcoming reelection bid, Mixner predicted, "You not only



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will see a united community that will contribute to Obama, but they will work their a**** off."

Commenting on Mr. Obama's whirlwind policy blitz over the past year designed to pull homosexuals back into his reelection camp, Fred Sainz of the pro-homosexual Human Rights Campaign told Politico: "Our community has tasted change, and it's hard to conceive of going backward. It's hard to conceive of that coming to a screeching halt or reversing — and so it's a subject of great energy for members of my community and especially those with great resources."

Added Jeff Soref, whom the Politico story identified as a "prominent gay donor and activist: "There's much more receptivity and openness toward the president now. It stands to reason that the gay money will be committed to the president's reelection."

In related news, on June 1 the Federal Reserve Bank of Virginia hoisted the rainbow "gay pride" flag just under the stars and stripes in its own efforts to honor homosexual pride month.

"We strongly support a diverse and inclusive culture at the Richmond Fed and have learned that it is important to value and embrace differences, both seen and unseen," Sally Green, chief operating officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, said in a statement. "We are flying the 'Pride' flag as an example of our commitment to the values of acceptance and inclusion."

But Green apparently did not count on the significant backlash from conservative and pro-family individuals in Old Dominion. A conservative group called the <u>Family Foundation</u>, whose office window offers a view of the Fed's rainbow flag, sounded off on the display, noting that the people of Virginia had earlier dealt with the matter of homosexuality "when we passed the Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman for our Commonwealth."

And as reported by the *Washington Post*, Robert G. Marshall, a conservative member of Virginia's General Assembly, wrote to Jeffrey M. Lacker, president of the Richmond Federal Reserve, strongly encouraging him to order the flag's removal. "I do not believe that a celebration of 'gay pride' has anything to do with the mission of the Federal Reserve under the Federal Reserve Act passed by Congress," Marshall wrote. "This is a celebration of a behavior that is still a class six felony in Virginia. How can the American people trust the judgment of the Federal Reserve as an institution when its spokesperson celebrates an attack on public morals?"

Photo: President Barack Obama pauses as he delivers remarks during a LGBT Pride Month event at the White House, June 22, 2010 in Washington.





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