



PROGRESS

for the LGBT COMMUNITY

Together, we've fought hard for equal rights for LGBT Americans, and the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is only one example of the progress we've achieved over the last three years. Take a look at the timeline below, outlining the actions President Obama has taken for LGBT equality since taking office, and share it with your friends.

2009

- JUNE 17** Ordered federal government to extend key benefits to same-sex partners of federal employees
- JUNE 29** Hosted first White House LGBT Pride Reception in history
- AUGUST 12** Awarded the highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, to Billie Jean King and Harvey Milk

- OCTOBER 21** Created a National Resource Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Elders
- OCTOBER 28** Signed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act into law

2010

- JANUARY 1** Ended discrimination based on gender identity in the federal government
- JANUARY 4** Lifted the ban that prohibited people with HIV/AIDS from entering the United States
- MARCH 23** Enacted the Affordable Care Act, reforming health care in America by lowering costs, expanding choice, and improving health care quality
- APRIL 15** Ensured hospital visitation and medical decision-making rights for gay and lesbian patients
- JUNE 9** Allowed trans Americans to receive true gender passports without surgery
- JUNE 22** Clarified the Family and Medical Leave Act ensuring family leave for LGBT employees

- JUNE 22** Released America's first comprehensive plan to prevent and end homelessness, which includes homeless LGBT youth
- OCTOBER 1** Awarded a grant to the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center to work with LGBT foster youth
- OCTOBER 21** Recorded "It Gets Better" video
- DECEMBER 21** Led a United Nations measure that restored "sexual orientation" to the definition of human rights
- DECEMBER 22** Signed the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

2011

- JANUARY 20** Ensured government housing programs can no longer discriminate against the LGBT community
- FEBRUARY 14** Proposed more funding for LGBT priorities such as HIV/AIDS prevention and education, and bullying and teen suicide prevention
- MARCH 10** Hosted a conference on bullying prevention at the White House
- MARCH 31** Completed an Institute of Medicine study on LGBT health, the first of its kind

- AUGUST 18** Clarified the meaning of "family" to include LGBT relationships, helping to protect bi-national families threatened by deportation
- AUGUST 20** Supported lesbian widow Edith Winsor in her suit against DOMA
- SEPTEMBER 2** Issued guidance to foster safer working environments for transgender federal employees
- SEPTEMBER 7** Strengthened enforcement of same-sex hospital visitation rights and decision making
- SEPTEMBER 20** **Implemented the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"**