

LGBT HISTORY MONTH

1924

The Society for Human Rights - the first gay-rights organization - is established in the U.S. Police shut it down within a couple months.

1948

Alfred Kinsey, Biologist and Sexologist at Indiana University issues a report: *Sexual Behavior of the Human Male*, which discusses male homosexuality.

1952

Christine Jorgensen undergoes a sex change operation - becoming one of first transgendered individuals to successfully undergo the surgery.

1953 - The **Kinsey Report, Sexual Behavior in the Human Female** is published and focuses on female homosexuality.

1955

The first national lesbian organization - **The Daughters of Bilitis** - is formed.

1962

Illinois becomes the first state to decriminalize homosexual acts.

1969

The Stonewall Riots. Stonewall Inn - a gay bar in NYC - is raided and over 100 gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight people protest by pushing police back from the area. This event is known as a critical moment in the fight for gay rights.

1970 - The first **Gay Liberation Day March** in NYC.

1973

The **American Psychiatric Association** removes the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder

1978

The **Rainbow flag** is first used, in San Francisco, to signify gay pride.

The first **National March on Washington** for Gay and Lesbian Rights.

1994

Rodney Wilson - a Missouri high school teacher - leads the initiative to designate **October as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered (LGBT) History Month.**

1996

Supreme Court rules that, gay/lesbian rights are civil rights.

2004 - 2015

States - beginning with **Massachusetts** - begin legally recognizing civil unions.

2015 - Obergefell v. Hodges - In a 5-4 Supreme Court decision, it is declared that all states must allow same-sex couples to marry based on Due Process and Equal Protection clauses under the 14th Amendment.