

**1953**

**Lavender Scare**

President Eisenhower issued Executive Order 10450 which allowed federal employees to be investigated and fired for being LGBTQ+.

**1969**

**Stonewall Riots**

LGBTQ+ patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York City fought back against a police raid, igniting a tradition of observing Pride in June.

**1973**

**American Psychiatric Assoc.**

The board of the American Psychiatric Association voted 13-0 to remove homosexuality from its official list of psychiatric disorders.

**1985**

**AIDS Walk**

The AIDS Project Los Angeles organized the first AIDS Walk to raise money and awareness in the fight against AIDS & HIV.

**1993**

**USDA History**

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) added sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy under Secretary Mike Espy.

**PROGRESS  
IN ACTION**

LGBTQ+ Pride Month 2021



**1994**

**Equality USDA (USDA GLOBE)**

LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group for USDA employees and retirees was organized.

**2009**

**USDA Special Emphasis Program**

Secretary Tom Vilsack signed Departmental Regulation 4230-002, creating a Special Emphasis Program for LGBTQ+ employees.

**2011**

**USDA Gender Identity and Expression**

Secretary Vilsack added gender identity and gender expression into USDA's Civil Rights Statement.

**2014**

**USDA Outreach**

USDA held a series of LGBTQ+ Rural Summits across the country, in collaboration with the National Center for Lesbian Rights and The True Colors Fund, to engage with LGBTQ+ rural communities.

**2015**

**Marriage Equality**

The U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage in Obergefell v. Hodges.

**2020**

**Bostock vs Clayton County**

The U.S. Supreme Court held that Title VII of 1964 protects employees against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia.



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