



# Board of Education

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## LGBTQIA+ History Month

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/18**

*In Celebration of LGBTQIA+ History Month*

**WHEREAS**, the Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) Board of Education supports the rights, freedoms, and equality of all those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQIA+); and

**WHEREAS**, LUSD recognizes that years of struggle for freedom and civil rights by LGBTQIA+ people and also people of all races have contributed to the rich history of collective action championing equality for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, LUSD recognizes LGBTQIA+ people in the United States have made, and continue to make, vital contributions to the United States and to the world in every aspect, including in the fields of education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sports, government, music, film, politics, technology, literature, and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, October holds historical significance because the first LGBTQIA+ National March on Washington occurred in October 1979 (marking the 10th anniversary of the Stonewall Rights), the first National Coming Out day was celebrated on October 11, 1988, and National Coming Out Day and annual LGBTQIA+ awareness day continue to be observed now every year on October 11th; and

**WHEREAS**, LUSD believes all students deserve to feel safe and welcome in their schools, to be known by their preferred name, gender identity, and story, and to see themselves in the curricula; and

**WHEREAS**, the LUSD Equity Department and PBIS training of staff promotes welcoming schools, improves understanding of LGBTQIA+ students, and supports educators to provide services in a nondiscriminatory and respectful manner; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing visibility, raising awareness, and teaching LGBTQIA+ history fosters a welcoming school climate where LGBTQIA+ students, families, and educators can live their authentic lives and be treated with dignity and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQIA+ community has faced discrimination, inequality, and violence throughout the history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQIA+ people in the United States have achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations of LGBTQIA+ people in the United States will enjoy a more equal and just society; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being marginalized throughout the history of the United States, LGBTQIA+ people in the United States continue to celebrate their identities, love, and contributions to the United States in various expressions of pride; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQIA+ people in the United States remain determined to pursue full equality, respect, and inclusion for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lynwood Unified School District Board of Education hereby celebrates and honors its annual celebration of October as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (LGBTQIA+) History Month;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Lynwood Unified School District recognizes the ongoing need to acknowledge the history and achievements of LGTBQIA+, and supports the implementation of programs and curricula that reflect the diversity of LGBTQIA+ people;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Lynwood Unified School District encourages the celebration of October as “LGBTQIA+ History Month” in order to provide a lasting opportunity for all students in the Lynwood Unified School District to learn about the discrimination and inequality that the LGBTQIA+ community endured, and continues to endure; and to celebrate the contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community throughout the history of the United States.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution be made an integral part of the Minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting of this Board.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District on October 14, 2021.

PRESIDENT, GOVERNING BOARD

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