



June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month!

Pride Month is a month dedicated to the celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ) pride.

The LGBTQ+ History Timeline is provided here for educational purposes during our celebration of Pride Month. Rainbow Alliance would like acknowledge the support for our LGBTQ+ community at Sprouts.

Help us celebrate our culture of CARE, LOVE BEING DIFFERENT and OWN IT!

A pair of stylized glasses with a dark blue frame and light grey lenses. Inside each lens is a vibrant rainbow flag with horizontal stripes of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The background is a solid dark blue.

LGBTQ+ HISTORY TIMELINE



1933

PINK TRIANGLE

In Nazi Germany, pink triangles were used as concentration camp badges to identify male prisoners who were sent there because of their homosexuality. In 1995, after a decade of campaigning, a pink triangle plaque was installed at the Dachau Memorial Museum to commemorate the suffering of gay men and lesbians. Originally intended as a badge of shame, the pink triangle (often inverted from its Nazi usage) has been reclaimed as an international symbol of gay pride and the gay rights movement. [Read more](#)

Memorial plaque of the homosexual prisoners in Buchenwald concentration camp.



THIS IS A
**RAIDED
PREMISES**

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POLICE DEP'T.
CITY OF NEW YORK
HOWARD R. LEARY, POLICE COMMISSIONER


JUNE 28, 1969

STONEWALL RIOTS

In the early morning hours of Saturday, June 28, 1969, nine policemen enter the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar on Christopher Street in Greenwich Village, and take several patrons into custody in accordance with a New York law authorizing the arrest of anyone not wearing gender-appropriate clothing. The ensuing riot lasts for 5 days. [Read more](#)

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The "raided premises" sign just inside the door at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar on Christopher Street in Manhattan's Greenwich Village.



JUNE 28, 1970

FIRST GAY PRIDE WEEK

A year after the rebellion at the Stonewall Inn, LGBT people from across New York City gather to commemorate the first anniversary of the gay liberation movement. The Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee named the days leading up to the march "Gay Pride Week," when individual organizations could host their own events and activities. Read more

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1979


THE RAINBOW FLAG

The most popular version of the flag, with six stripes, was first introduced in 1979.

The rainbow flag, or pride flag, is a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride and social movements. The colors reflect the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community and the spectrum of human sexuality and gender.

Each color of the flag has a meaning: red for Life, orange for Healing, yellow for Sunlight, green for Nature, blue for serenity, purple for spirit.





October 11, 1987

AIDS Memorial Quilt

On October 11, 1987, the Quilt was displayed for the first time on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., during the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. It covered a space larger than a football field and included 1,920 panels. Six teams of eight volunteers ceremonially unfolded the Quilt sections at sunrise as celebrities, politicians, families, lovers and friends read aloud the 1,920 names of the people represented in Quilt. The reading of names is now a tradition followed at nearly every Quilt display. Half a million people visited the Quilt that weekend.

The overwhelming response to the Quilt's inaugural display led to a four-month, 20-city, national tour for the Quilt in the spring and summer of 1988. The tour raised nearly \$500,000 for hundreds of AIDS service organizations. More than 9,000 volunteers across the country helped the seven-person traveling crew move and display the Quilt. Local panels were added in each city, tripling the Quilt's size to more than 6,000 panels by the end of the tour.

A light blue United Nations flag with the white UN emblem in the center, flying on a wooden pole against a clear blue sky. The flag is slightly wrinkled and appears to be blowing in the wind.

1990

HOMOSEXUALITY NO LONGER CONSIDERED A DISEASE

The World Health Organization removes homosexuality from the International Classification of Diseases.

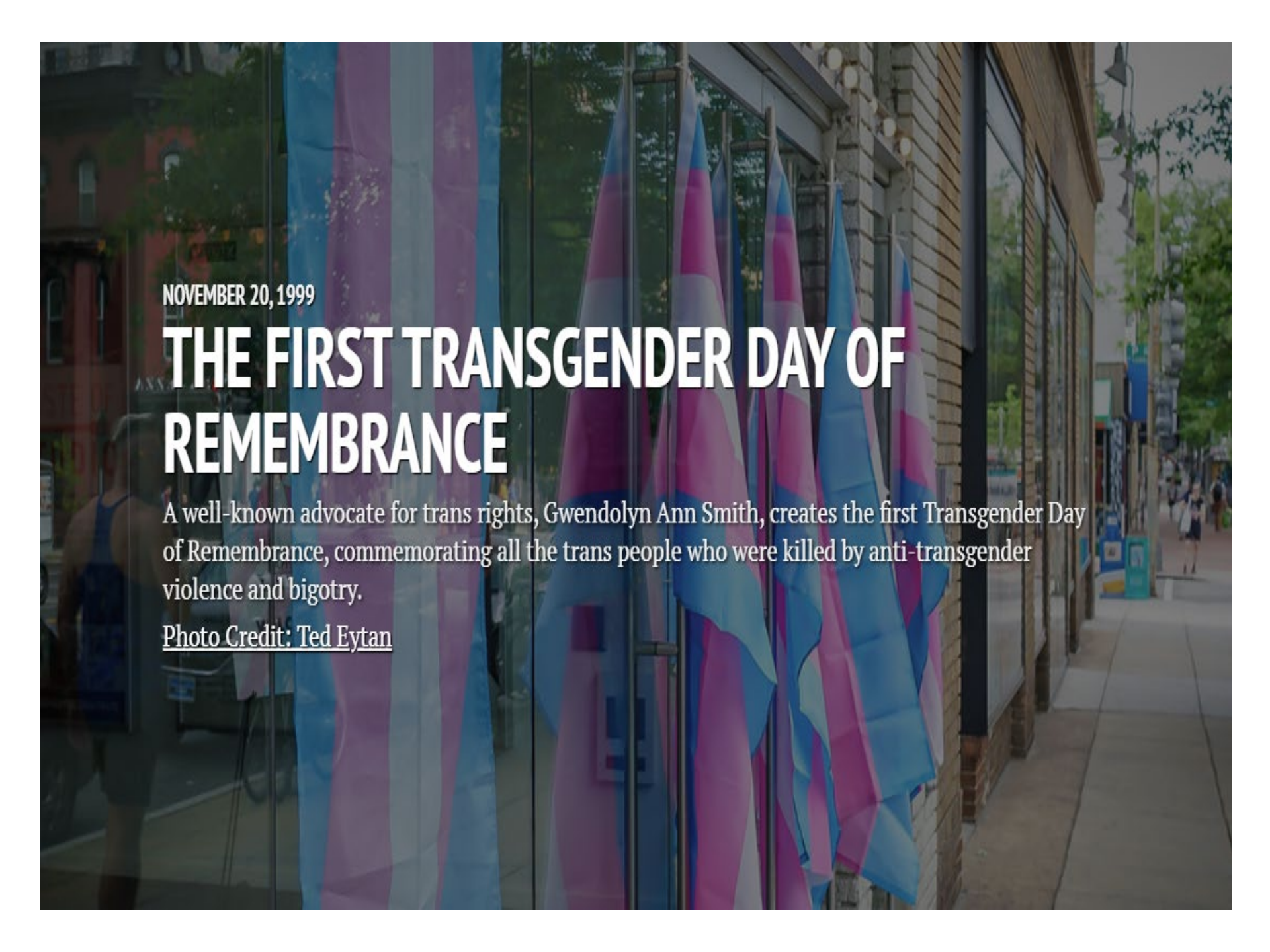
Photo Credit: United States Mission Geneva



May 28, 1998

EXECUTIVE ORDER PREVENTS EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUALORIENTATION

Executive Order 13087 from President Clinton prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in the workforce. However, this did not extend to the military.



NOVEMBER 20, 1999

THE FIRST TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

A well-known advocate for trans rights, Gwendolyn Ann Smith, creates the first Transgender Day of Remembrance, commemorating all the trans people who were killed by anti-transgender violence and bigotry.

Photo Credit: Ted Eytan



Photo Credit: Maurício Arguello

Pride in Amsterdam 2013.

2001

INTERNATIONAL GAY MARRIAGE

The Netherlands becomes the first country to legalize same-sex marriage.

2004

THE FIRST TRANS MARCH

The first Pride Month march specifically for transgender people is in San Francisco.



FEBRUARY 12, 2004

FIRST SAME-SEX WEDDING IN SAN FRANCISCO

Dorothy Louise Taliaferro "Del" Martin and Phyllis Ann Lyon, both long-time activists in the gay rights movement, are married after Mayor Gavin Newsom orders the city clerk to provide marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Photo Credit: Olga Berrios

Del Martin and Phyllis Ann Lyon marry at San Francisco City Hall.




Photo Credit: Victoria Pickering.

Demonstration protesting Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL REPEALED

The full implementation of the military's don't ask, don't tell policy was repealed. The policy banning gay, lesbian, and bisexual service members from disclosing their sexual identity was in effect for 17 years.



JUNE 26, 2015

THE UNITED STATES LEGALIZES SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

The US Supreme Court strikes down all state bans on same-sex marriage, legalizing same-sex marriage in all 50 states.


Photo Credit: Matt Wade

2017

REVERSAL OF TRANSGENDER PROTECTIONS

Five years after the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruled to include transgender people as a protected minority group under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the decision is reversed by the Department of Justice, leaving transgender people vulnerable to employment discrimination.

Photo Credit: Scott



JUNE 15, 2020

US SUPREME COURT RULING EXPANDS PROTECTIONS FOR LGBTQ EMPLOYEES

In a historic decision, the US Supreme Court ruled that the 1964 Civil Rights Act protects gay, lesbian, and transgender employees from discrimination based on sex.

2007

**Sprouts Farmers Market introduces
Domestic Partner benefits
for team members.**

2023

**Sprouts Farmers Market provides
Gender Affirmation benefits
to team members.**

