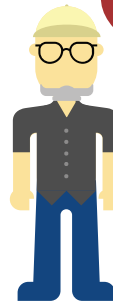


# The History of LGBTQ History Month

1994



St. Louis High School  
History Teacher



LGBT History  
needs a  
month devoted  
to its study!

**SERENDIPITOUSLY:**



Marches on Washington  
(1979 & 1987)

National Coming  
Out Day (Oct. 11)

*With institutional backing  
Endorsements rolled in...*

Gerbert/Hart  
Governors of CT, MA, & OR  
All the LGBT civil rights, education,  
and advocacy orgs of the day:  
Project 10

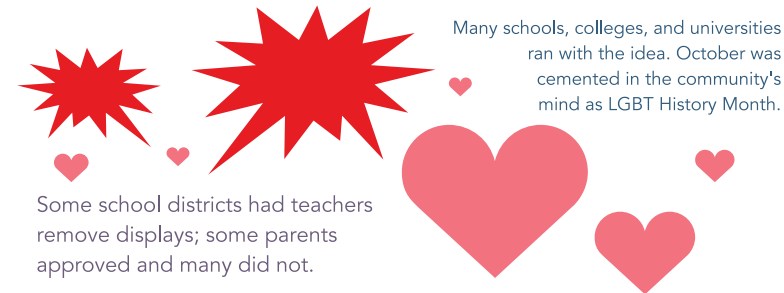
GLADD  
The Human Rights Campaign  
Gay & Lesbian Americans  
NGLTF  
GLSEN

Esteemed historians like:  
Jonathan Ned Katz, William  
A. Percy, George Chauncey,  
and Martin Duberman.

Windy City Times columnist  
Paul Varnell wrote eloquently  
of LGBT History Month every  
October until his death in 2011.

FOR \$5

The committee mailed out  
packets of material with  
history month curriculum  
suggestions for...



Many schools, colleges, and universities  
ran with the idea. October was  
cemented in the community's  
mind as LGBT History Month.

Some school districts had teachers  
remove displays; some parents  
approved and many did not.



OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

LGBT History Month continued to grow organically.

Hundreds of colleges, universities, community libraries, and even some high schools  
faithfully commemorated October as LGBT History Month (and still do).

2006



Equality Forum  
Philadelphia, PA

Creates

**LGBTHistoryMonth.com**

Highlighting 31 diverse icons each year  
to drive national conversations