

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

By His Excellency

GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY

2004

WHEREAS: Gay youth and their straight supporters are joining together on May 15th, 2004, for the Tenth Annual Gay/Straight Youth Pride March; and

WHEREAS: Gay and straight youth lobbied for and won passage of landmark legislation that prohibits discrimination against gay and lesbian students in Massachusetts public schools – legislation that was signed into law in December of 1993; and

WHEREAS: Young people, particularly gays and lesbians, are at high risk for suicide, abuse of drugs and alcohol, and running away from home; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts is home to the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, which supports the Commonwealth's gay and lesbian youth through school-based and educational programs; and

WHEREAS: On May 15th, 2004, the Gay/Straight Youth Pride March celebrates the Commonwealth's commitment to providing a healthy environment for all students in Massachusetts' public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITT ROMNEY, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 15th, 2004, to be

MASSACHUSETTS GAY/STRAIGHT YOUTH PRIDE DAY

and urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-eighth

By His Excellency the Governor

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WILLIAM F. GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth