**Gay pride** or **LGBT pride** is the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward [lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT) people to promote their [self-affirmation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-affirmation), dignity, equality rights, increase their visibility as a [social group](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_group), build community, and celebrate sexual diversity.

The majority of Pride events are held in June to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City on June 28, 1969, which most historians consider to be the birth of the modern LGBT movement.

The purpose of LGBT Pride month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. LGBT History Month is also celebrated at this time with annual month long observances of LGBT history, along with the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements.

President Obama in his announcement marking June, 2015 as LGBT Pride month said, “we are reminded that we are not truly equal until every person is afforded the same rights and opportunities -- that when one of us experiences discrimination, it affects all of us -- and that our journey is not complete until our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law.”