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## MEMORANDUM

то:	Members of the House of Representatives
FROM:	Representative Tim Briggs
DATE:	October 2, 2012
SUBJ:	Co-Sponsorship Request – LGBT History Month

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce a resolution that would declare the month of October "LGBT History Month" in Pennsylvania. For nearly two decades, this month has been acknowledged nationwide, and it is time for Pennsylvania to join in the recognizing the historic contributions of our native LGBT residents.

LGBT Pennsylvanians such as artist Andy Warhol, environmentalist Rachel Carson, lyricist and theater producer Stephen Sondheim and civil rights leader Bayard Rustin have all made important contributions to our culture and deserved to be recognized.

When this resolution was originally introduced earlier this session to recognize October 2011 as "LGBT History Month", it was referred to the State Government Committee where it remains today.

Once this resolution is introduced it is my hope that it be placed on the non-controversial calendar pursuant to House Rule 35 and voted so that LGBT History Month, so widely recognized throughout the nation, can be recognized in Pennsylvania.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Kat Manucci at 717-705-7011 or <u>kmanucci@pahouse.net</u>