October is LGBT+ History Month

Here are the 7 Things You Need To Know...

- LGBT+ History Month is recognized in October to coincide with National Coming Out Day on October 11th. This year marks the 31st anniversary of National Coming Out Day.

- It began in 1994 when Rodney Wilson, a history teacher, first proposed that an entire month be dedicated to the teachings of LGBT History.


- International Pronoun Day celebrated October 16th seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace.

- Spirit Day celebrated October 20th is where people around the nation wear purple in support of LGBT youth.

- The murder of Matthew Shepard is also remembered this month. His death sparked the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act passed October 22, 2009.

- While the historic decision on Marriage Equality in 2015 gave same-sex couples the right to marry in all 50 states, there are still Anti-LGBT laws being proposed.

This October we CELEBRATE the contributions of LGBTQIA+ folks and REFLECT on the continual fight for rights for LGBTQIA+ people.

LGBT+ History is American History!