

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) Pride Observance Month

On June 2, 2000, President Bill Clinton declared June “Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.” The month was chosen to remember the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan, NY. Patrons of a gay bar, Stonewall Inn, fought back against a police raid, sparking three days of riots. It is considered to be the start of the gay liberation movement in the U.S. On June 2009, President Barack Obama declared June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, and has issued a yearly [Presidential Proclamation](#) since 2009.

2015 Theme: Color Our World with Pride

PROFILE: Megan Smith, U.S. Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Office of Science & Technology Policy

In September 2014, President Obama named Megan Smith the U.S. CTO in the Office of Science and Technology Policy. In this role, she serves as an Assistant to the President, and focuses on how technology policy, data and innovation can advance the future of our nation.



Megan Smith is an award-winning entrepreneur, engineer, and tech evangelist. She most recently served as a Vice President at Google, first leading New Business Development -- where she managed early-stage partnerships, pilot explorations, and technology licensing across Google’s global engineering and product teams for nine years -- and later serving as a VP in the leadership team at Google[x] -- where she co-created the company’s “SolveForX” innovation community project as well as its “WomenTechmakers” tech-diversity initiative and worked on a range of other projects. During her tenure, she led the company’s acquisitions of major platforms such as Google Earth, Google Maps, and Picasa, and also served as GM of Google.org during its

engineering transition, adding Google Crisis Response, Google for Nonprofits, and Earth Outreach/Engine, and increased employee engagement.

Megan previously served as CEO of PlanetOut, a leading LGBT online community in the early days of the web, where the team broke through many barriers and partnered closely with AOL, Yahoo!, MSN, and other major web players. Megan was part of designing early smartphone technologies at General Magic and worked on multimedia products at Apple Japan.

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