

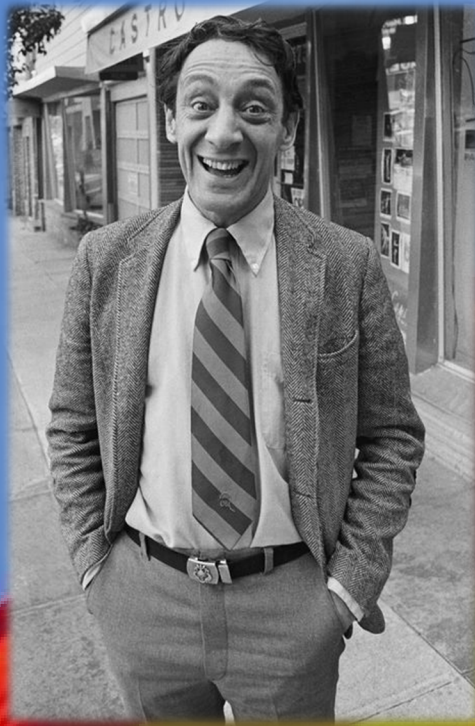
PRIDE MONTH

SPOTLIGHT

"If I wait for someone else to validate my existence, it will mean that I'm shortchanging myself."

– Zanele Muholi

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HARVEY MILK (1930 – 1978)

was a visionary **civil and human rights leader** who became one of the **first openly gay elected officials** in the United States. During his college years, he penned a popular newspaper column where he began questioning issues of diversity with a reflection on the lessons learned from the recently ended World War. He served with the Navy, and later founded the Castro Village Association. This was a first in the nation uniting of predominantly LGBT businesses. He used his community from Castro Street to help back his political campaigns.

Milk's loud and unapologetic proclamation of his true self as an openly gay candidate for public office gave hope to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) people everywhere at a time when the community was encountering widespread hostility and discrimination. He served on the Board as a San Francisco City-County Supervisor for not even one year before his assassination in 1978.

EVENTS

01

Capitol Hill Ocean Week:
Expanding Diversity and Inclusion Through Student Opportunities

June 8 @ 12:15-1:00 ET

This year, Capitol Hill Ocean Week's theme is JEDI focused. NOS will be hosting a 45-minute breakout session to showcase NOAA staff who are working to advance D&I initiatives. Lucas Johansen, NOAA Pride, will participate in the panel which will be moderated by Nicole LeBeouf, Acting AA, NOS. Register [here](#).

02

OCM LGBTQ+ Pride Event
June 9 @ 2:00 ET

OCM's Mosaic Committee will welcome Lucas Johansen, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, for a discussion on LGBTQ+ cultural competency with a focus on pronouns and gendered language. As a transgender man who transitioned in the workplace, Lucas brings a personal perspective to these topics. Join with this [link](#).

03

The Power of Love: Three Trans Stories
June 9 12:00 p.m. ET

Parental love and the inherent right of the entertainer to define their own identity are the common themes that connect these three trans stories. This National Gallery of Art weeklong Film Program will be available for [online streaming](#) starting June 9 through June 15.