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### **BiasHELP Supports Pride Month**

On May 31, 2011 President Barack Obama proclaimed June 2011 as Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. In the President's proclamation he called upon the people of the United States to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of the American people.

BiasHELP Inc. applauds President Barack Obama's efforts to eliminate prejudice and support diversity. While BiasHELP proudly supports Pride Month, we work to support the needs of the LGBT community year round. BiasHELP provides LGBT focused initiatives that include workshops, staff development trainings, and technical assistance for individuals, schools and organizations on topics including homophobia, stereotyping, bullying/technobullying and discrimination based on sexual orientation. Additionally, BiasHELP created the nationally recognized Mirror Images Diversity Training Education DVD Series that is used as a diversity training tool in classrooms and by HR professionals across the US.

The Obama Administration has made progress towards achieving equality for LGBT Americans including the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and the enforcement and implementation of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Additionally, the First Lady and President Barack Obama hosted the first White House Conference on Bullying Prevention and joined the effort in reaching out to LGBT youth who have been bullied by recording an "It Gets Better" video message to assure them that they are not alone.

BiasHELP, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to preventing and addressing discrimination, harassment and violence. Utilizing a team of skilled educators, BiasHELP conducts specially tailored trainings on bullying/technobullying as well as trainings on racism, sexism, anti-semitism, homophobia and other forms of discrimination. For more information on BiasHELP's anti-bias programming and efforts, including Mirror Images, please visit [www.biashelp.org](http://www.biashelp.org), [www.mirrorimagesdvd.com](http://www.mirrorimagesdvd.com) or call our toll free number at 877-END-BIAS (363-2427).