Together, we’ve fought hard for equal rights for LGBT Americans, and the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” is only one example of the progress we’ve achieved over the last three years. Take a look at a timeline of steps President Obama has taken for LGBT equality since taking office, and share it with your friends.

**2009**
- **JUNE 17**: Ordered federal government to extend key benefits to same-sex partners of federal employees
- **JUNE 23**: Created a National Resource Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Elders
- **OCTOBER 21**: Ended discrimination based on gender identity in the federal government
- **OCTOBER 28**: Lifted the ban that prohibited people with HIV/AIDS from entering the United States
- **APRIL 15**: Enacted the Affordable Care Act, reforming health care in America by lowering costs, expanding choice, and improving health care quality
- **JUNE 9**: Ensured hospital visitation and medical decision-making rights for gay and lesbian patients
- **JUNE 22**: Allowed trans Americans to receive true gender passports without surgery
- **JUNE 29**: Clarified the Family and Medical Leave Act ensuring family leave for LGBT employees

**2010**
- **JUNE 22**: Released America’s first comprehensive plan to prevent and end homelessness, which includes homeless LGBT youth
- **OCTOBER 21**: Awarded a grant to the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center to work with LGBT foster youth
- **OCTOBER 28**: President Obama recorded “It Gets Better” video
- **APRIL 15**: Led a United Nations measure that restored “sexual orientation” to the definition of human rights
- **MARCH 31**: Signed the Repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

**2011**
- **JUNE 22**: Ensured that government housing programs are available to all eligible people, including LGBT community
- **JANUARY 1**: Proposed more funding for LGBT priorities such as HIV/AIDS prevention and education, and bullying and teen suicide prevention
- **MARCH 23**: Declared the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional and announced the administration will no longer defend its constitutionality in court
- **MARCH 31**: Hosted a Conference on Bullying Prevention at the White House
- **AUGUST 19**: Issued guidance to foster safer working environment for transgender federal employees
- **SEPTEMBER 7**: Strengthened enforcement of same-sex hospital visitation rights and decision making
- **AUGUST 21**: Implemented the Repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”