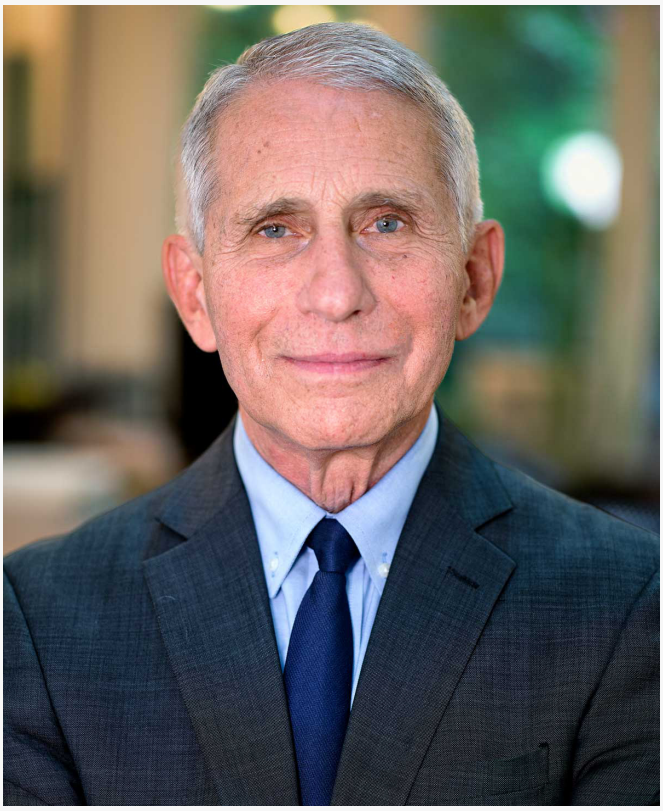
Media Alert: LGBT History Month Kickoff Anthony Fauci, MD, Award Recipient

LGBT History Month Kickoff: International Role Model Award presented to Dr. Anthony Fauci; 2026 LGBT History Month Icons announced, including Abraham Lincoln.



Dr. Anthony Fauci, Former Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

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Award Recipients:
Dr. Anthony Fauci, Mayor Erica Deuso

2026 LGBT History Month Icons:
Abraham Lincoln, King James I, Robert Joffery, Patricia Highsmith, and more

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WHO: Equality Forum

WHAT: 2026 LGBT History Month Launch & Awards Celebration (https://equalityforum.com) and Announcing the 2026 LGBT History Month Icons (https://lgbthistorymonth.com)

LGBT History Month is the largest online educational resource of its kind. Marking its 21st year in October, this free website has amassed a searchable database of more than 650 LGBT Icons.

WHEN: Sunday, September 27, 2026, Noon to 1 p.m. , Launch Celebration and Awards Presentation

WHERE: Independence Visitor Center, 599 Market Street, Philadelphia, Launch Celebration: Liberty Ballroom, VIP Reception: Liberty View Terrace

WHY: Awards Celebration

International Role Model Award, Recipient: Dr. Anthony Fauci, Former Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Presenter: Peter Staley, AIDS Activist and 2017 LGBT History Month Icon
The 31st Annual International Role Model Award is this nation's longest-standing recognition of activists and allies who have advanced LGBT civil rights.

Frank Kameny Award, Recipient: Erica Deuso, Pennsylvania’s First Openly Transgender Mayor
Presenter: Ben Garcia, Executive Director of The American LGBTQ+ Museum
The Frank Kameny Award is named for the gay pioneer recognized as the father of the LGBT civil rights movement.

2026 LGBT History Month Icons Announcement, Including: Abraham Lincoln, King James I, Robert Joffery, Barry Diller, Patricia Highsmith, and 26 more.

VIP Reception follows with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

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