



**National LGBTQ organizations and activists to celebrate Frank Kameny's
100th birthday in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on May 21st**

NEW YORK, MAY 6, 2025 – National organizations and activists will celebrate the [100th birthday of Frank Kameny](#), founder of the LGBTQ civil rights movement, with a demonstration at 12:00pm ET on May 21, 2025 in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington D.C. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D -Wisconsin) and Jim Obergefell, whose legal fight led to the national recognition of marriage equality, are the National Honorary Co-Chairs.

During the demonstration, activists will hold vintage picket signs and 100 candles to commemorate Kameny with participation by leaders from national LGBTQ organizations including The American LGBTQ+ Museum, Equality Forum, GLAAD, HRC, Lambda Legal, LGBT History Month, LGBTQ+ Victory Fund, PFLAG, SAGE, the Washington Blade, and others.

The demonstration will honor LGBTQ pioneer Frank Kameny, push back on those who would try to render the LGBTQ community invisible and deny its rich history, and celebrate the 10th anniversary of Obergefell v. Hodges—the 2015 Supreme Court marriage equality case.

“Frank Kameny was a key strategist and founder of the LGBTQ civil rights movement,” stated Malcolm Lazin, National Kameny 100 Chair and Executive Director, LGBT History Month. “He was a powerful American civil rights leader who was incredibly impactful and dedicated his life to LGBTQ equality. We stand on his inspiring shoulders.”

After losing his job in an Army unit when he was identified as LGBTQ, Kameny focused his life on fighting for LGBTQ equality. He led the successful battle to overturn the federal ban on LGBTQ employees in the federal civilian workforce and, with Barbara Gittings, led the effort to eliminate the American Psychiatric Association’s classification of homosexuality as a mental illness.

Kameny was also the founder of the Mattachine Society of Washington, organized the first gay picket at the White House, co-organized the seminal Annual Reminders at Independence Hall, filed the first gay equality brief with the Supreme Court, started the newsletter that morphed into the Washington Blade, and chaired the meeting that endorsed a Christopher Street Liberation Day March—now remembered as the first New York Pride Parade.

Additionally, he was the first out person to run for Congress, ran the first television ad for LGBTQ rights, cofounded the Task Force—which became the National LGBTQ Task Force, attending the first meeting of

gays and lesbians at the White House, and much more. [A full list of his accomplishments is available here.](#)

The Library of Congress includes 70,000 Kameny letters and documents; the Smithsonian Institution has his picket signs and buttons; and his home is a D.C. historic landmark. Kameny died on National Coming Out Day in 2011 at the age of 86. He is interred in the Congressional Cemetery, where his headstone bears the inscription "Gay Is Good."

To learn more, including how attend, visit: <https://kameny100.org/>