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Dear Friends:

It is with true esteem that I offer my support for the 2008 celebration of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness Festival. As this venture promotes respect and equality across our state, it is an honor to recognize this celebration.

I applaud the efforts of this organization to uphold a sense of humanity and celebrate diversity while encouraging individuals to embrace and value each other's rights and privileges as members of society.

My strong commitment to furthering respect for all people in our communities and schools is bolstered by this annual event, and I wish you continued success with this year's events and all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack O'Connell".

JACK O'CONNELL

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