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**OREGON
 HISTORIC DATES**

Three historic events celebrate anniversaries this year. In 1971, Oregon became the third state to permanently abolish its law that effectively criminalized private adult sex between people of the same gender. The legal revision took effect on January 1, 1972, so we've been celebrating the 40th anniversary throughout 2012.

Also in 1972, the Oregon Democratic Party adopted at its preprimary convention a gay civil rights plank. It called for a law that would ban discrimination in employment, housing, and possibly other areas based on sexual orientation.

Twenty years later in 1992 we defeated Measure 9, a proposed constitutional amendment that read:

"All governments in Oregon may not use their monies or properties to promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism or masochism. All levels of government, including public education systems, must assist in setting a standard for Oregon's youth which recognizes that these behaviors are abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse and they are to be discouraged and avoided."

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THE BENCH

Endorsed by both the *Oregonian* and the Gay and Lesbian Victory fund, which is dedicated to electing LGBT leaders, out lesbian Judge Nena Cook has her sights set on the Oregon Supreme Court this November. Raised by a single mother, Nena started work at the age of 12 to help support her family. In her more than twenty years of legal practice, she has been president of the Oregon State Bar, Judge Pro Tem, and a private practice attorney representing individuals and businesses in complex legal matters. nenacookfororegonsupremecourt.org



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