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- *** Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Trans people (LGBT) contribute an estimated \$700 billion annually to the economy of the United States (ironically, roughly the same amount as the recent government bail-out of Wall Street!).
- *** The government has been happy to take accept our contributions to the economy, including tax dollars, but Congress and the President have never granted a single right to LGBT people on a national scale. On Wednesday, Dec. 10th many supporters of equal rights intend to return the favor by not making any economic contributions on that day -- taking the day off of work and not buying anything all day.
- *** In California, our equal right to marry -- so critical to getting a host of economic rights -- has been cruelly ripped away from us by Proposition 8. Equal marriage rights brings with it over 1300 rights at the federal level alone, and yet same-sex couples even in the two states that still give marriage licenses to us cannot access these rights.
- *** December 10th is the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and has since been recognized around the world as "International Human Rights Day." Legal equality and LGBT rights are human rights, so what could be more appropriate?
- *** LGBT people around the world face hate, discrimination and violence. After years of war and other negative attacks on international human rights by our government, what could be a more appropriate alternative than gays in the U.S. making a POSITIVE contribution to the world by helping WINNING some human rights?!

Please join us for Chicago's "Day Without A Gay" event.

Part of a day of activities coordinated nationally by www.JoinTheImpact.com

Local contact for the December 10th event is Chicago's Gay Liberation Network www.GayLiberation.net / LGBTliberation@aol.com / 773-209-1187