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SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE AND THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP TO HIGHLIGHT HISTORY OF PRIDE MOVEMENT

San Francisco – San Francisco Pride and the GLBT Historical Society have announced the launch of a multiyear partnership to highlight the historical significance of the 50th anniversary of San Francisco Pride in 2020. The collaboration will enable the organizations to expand public awareness of the connections between understanding histories of LGBTQ people, working for LGBTQ rights in the present and establishing LGBTQ equality in the future.

“Both Pride and the GLBT Historical Society are committed to honoring the stories of our elders, encouraging them to share the strategies they have developed in their long lives of love and struggle,” said Terry Beswick, executive director of the GLBT Historical Society. “Our organizations pursue a common goal in seeking to build stronger LGBTQ communities by fostering connections between newer generations of activists and longtime organizers in our movement.”

To advance these aims, San Francisco Pride and the GLBT Historical Society will embark on a number of collaborative efforts in the two years leading up to San Francisco Pride 50 in 2020. Three projects are already in the works:

- Pride will donate its historical archives and artifacts to the Historical Society, which will preserve them and make them available to researchers, historians, artists and community members.
- The organizations will jointly launch an oral history project focused on the five-decade story of Pride in San Francisco and the wider history of LGBTQ activism in the Bay Area. The collected interviews will reside in the Historical Society archives.
- The GLBT Historical Society will curate several exhibitions about the impact of San Francisco Pride and its place in intersectional movements for justice and equality since 1970. The main exhibition is set to open in advance of the 50th anniversary of SF Pride in June 2020.

In addition to the collaboration, San Francisco Pride is announcing the themes for the next two years of the San Francisco Pride Parade and Celebration, both of which will expand on this year’s theme, “Generations of Strength.” The theme for the 49th Annual San Francisco LGBT Pride Celebration and Parade, set for June 29 and 30, 2019, will be “Generations of Resistance.” The theme for the 50th annual event, set for June 27 and 28, 2020, will be “Generations of Hope.”

“While 2020 sounds far away, we at SF Pride are excited and already planning,” said San Francisco Pride Executive Director George F. Ridgely Jr. “Pride is a collaborative celebration; an opportunity to honor our victories, to mobilize against current threats, and to build historical knowledge in our diverse communities. The creator of our 2018 theme, Larry Lare Nelson, suggested it hoping that the community at large would be inspired by the stories of our elders and the hard work of those who are working to improve our future. In that shared spirit, we are glad to be working with the GLBT Historical Society to prepare for San Francisco Pride 50.”

About San Francisco Pride

The San Francisco Pride Celebration Committee is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded to produce the San Francisco Pride Celebration and Parade. The mission of the organization is to educate the world on LGBTQ issues and to commemorate the heritage, celebrate the culture, and liberate the people of all LGBTQ communities.

A world leader in the Pride movement, SF Pride also is a grant-giving organization through its Community Partners Program. Since 1997, SF Pride has granted nearly \$3 million dollars in proceeds to local LGBTQIA nonprofits as well as organizations working on issues related to HIV/AIDS, cancer, homelessness, housing rights and animal welfare.

About the GLBT Historical Society

The GLBT Historical Society is internationally recognized as a leader in the field of LGBTQ public history. Founded in 1985, the society collects, preserves and interprets the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and the communities that support them. At its Mid-Market archives and research center, it maintains one of the nation's largest collections of materials documenting the LGBTQ past.

Since January 2011, the society also has operated the GLBT History Museum, the first stand-alone museum of its kind in the United States. The museum's Main Gallery features "Queer Past Becomes Present," a long-term exhibition on San Francisco LGBTQ history since the 19th century. The Front Gallery and Community Gallery host changing exhibitions. The institution also sponsors guided tours, living-history discussions, author talks and other programs.

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