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Happy Pride Month!!!!

Dear CivicPRIDE Family,

Happy Pride Month! I am writing to you from Bradley Airport on the heels of a week long mental health and wellness retreat in the Berkshires. I recently paused and asked for help after an exhausting few years of layers of crisis, trauma, and overall exhaustion from carrying the weight of public service while also trying to keep it all together. Does that sound familiar to any of you? Taking time for some quiet has been the best gift in the world. If you are experiencing something similar, may this be a sign that you have permission to ask for what you need.

As we head into the next 30 days of visibility, recognition, and celebration of our LGBTQIA+ identities I want to take a moment to breathe out the worry that many of us have been feeling as our community continues to face acts of violence, legislation aimed to restrict our existence, and challenges to expressing ourselves authentically. Our path to a more inclusive world is a long, windy, and sometimes scary one. I encourage you to use pride month as an excuse to give yourself whatever you need- party with your friends and leave the struggle behind for a couple hours, lean into your work to create a culture of belonging in your organization, or take some extra naps. I can't wait to hear how it goes when we come together virtually at the end of the month for our 3rd annual Inclusion Summit.

Pam (she/her), CivicPRIDE Board Chair



Inclusion Summit

Celebrate Pride by joining us for our third annual virtual Inclusion Summit! This year's summit will focus on the discrimination transgender and non-binary individuals are facing across the country, and how municipal leaders can protect trans and non-binary individuals locally.

We are thrilled to announce that this year's Summit will feature a keynote presentation by Erin Reed (she/her), who is a transgender journalist, content creator, and activist based in Washington, D.C.. She tracks LGBTQ+ legislation around the United States for her subscription newsletter, [Erin In The Morning](#). Her work has been featured in the AP, Reuters, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and many more major media outlets. You can follow her on TikTok @ErinInTheMorn.

Wednesday, June 28th, 1 pm - 5 pm ET

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Register here - <https://2023civicprideinclusionsummit.eventbrite.com>

The event is free but a suggested donation of \$20 is very much appreciated.

You can donate here - <https://tinyurl.com/DonateCivicPRIDE>

LGBTQIA+ Noteworthy News:

- [ACLU's Anti-LGBTQ U.S. Legislation Tracker](#) - This is a good resource to stay informed regarding anti-trans and LGBTQIA+ legislation being considered across the country. Unfortunately, there are too many to list just one article.
- [How an Outrageous Drag Queen Found Mainstream Fame in "The Little Mermaid"](#)
- [Uganda's President Signs Repressive Anti-LGBT Law](#)
- [Mpox is down, but U.S. cities could be at risk for summertime outbreaks](#)
- LGBTQ+ parents need to safeguard their parental rights. [A new report explains how to do that.](#)

There's a lot going on right now, so here are some additional content creators/newsletters/media outlets that you can subscribe to and/or follow to stay informed on LGBTQIA+ issues:

- [NBC Out](#) - NBC Out showcases feature stories, original videos and other unique content about, and of interest to, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.
- [The 19th Newsletter](#) - A briefing on gender, politics and policy news - including the latest on the COVID-19 pandemic and the women and LGBTQ+ people driving change across America - delivered to your inbox Monday to Friday.
- [Them](#) - An award-winning authority on what LGBTQ+ means today and tomorrow. From in-depth storytelling on the fight for LGBTQ+ rights to intimate profiles of queer cultural vanguards, it's a platform for all of the bold, stylish, and rebellious ways that LGBTQ+ people are reshaping our world every day.
- [Erin Reed](#) - Trans queer news and history content creator, LGBTQ+ and repro legislation tracker, and activist trying to change the world to be a better place.

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Support CivicPRIDE!

If you can't make the Inclusion Summit, you can still support CivicPRIDE! Now that we have reached the milestone of nonprofit incorporation, we have a series of basic ongoing expenses to cover, including: software subscriptions, website hosting, and promotional materials, oh my! We are also seeking to develop an events fund to support our in person and virtual gatherings. All donations are applied directly to our operations and programming. If you are feeling generous, please consider a donation to help get us fully off the ground!

You can donate here - <https://tinyurl.com/DonateCivicPRIDE>

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