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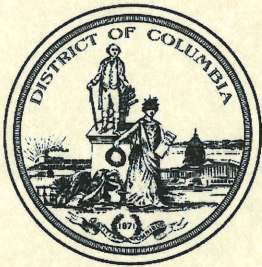


DC BLACK PRIDE WEEK

May 22-29, 2023

WHEREAS, DC Black Pride was created in 1991 as a continuation of the annual *Children's Hour* celebration at DC's Club House night club and to raise awareness of the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Black gay community; and

WHEREAS, today's DC Black Pride brings together more than 50,000 participants from around the world for pride awareness, education, celebration, and to elevate community organizations dedicated to issues impacting the LGBTQ+ African diaspora.



WHEREAS, under the theme "Know Your Past. Live Your Present. Fight for Your Future.", DC Black Pride 2023 will feature a Talent Showcase, an homage to the legendary Club House, a Unity Ball, a Wellness Expo, enrichment workshops, and more; and

WHEREAS, DC Black Pride continues to build community through productive relationships with non-profit organizations, government, businesses, and individuals to create opportunities for every LGBTQ+ person to reach their full potential:



NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim May 22-29, 2023, as "DC BLACK PRIDE WEEK" in Washington, DC.