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SALISBURY PRIDE RESCHEDULED DUE TO COVID-19

Salisbury Pride marks an important partnership between the City of Salisbury and Salisbury PFLAG and paramount to this partnership is the mutual consideration and prioritization of the health and well-being of the community. Due to continued gathering restrictions, and the yet unknown trajectory of the virus, it has become impossible to continue forward with an October event with an estimated attendance in the thousands. The Pride planning team originally postponed Salisbury Pride to October in the hopes that the virus would be contained and that State would have enabled large gatherings in excess of 1000 people. Unfortunately, Maryland has yet to reach a juncture where events of this scale are either safe or permitted.

As such, and with thoughtful consideration to our various constituents; namely, sponsors, volunteers, performers, parade participants, vendors, municipal partners, and local businesses, we have made the decision to move the date of Salisbury Pride from October, 2020 to the new date of June 26th, 2021. The June date allows us to continue forward with our outstanding line-up of performers as well as our grand marshal international recording artist CeCe Peniston.

Salisbury Pride represents a joyful celebration of kindness, love, diversity, and inclusion. Salisbury Pride is a free, large-scale, outdoor event that includes a parade, a full line-up of on-stage entertainment, vendors, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, roaming acts, a kid's zone specifically designed for families with young children that includes a drag story hour and crafts, and so much more.

The mission of Salisbury Pride is "To commemorate our heritage and history, celebrate our community, and advance the equality of LGBTQ+ people." The goals of the event are to celebrate the City of Salisbury's commitment to increasing visibility of LGBTQ+ people, represent the wide diversity of people in our LGBTQ+ community here on the Shore, build and strengthen alliances with our allies, acknowledge the heritage and legacy of LGBT+ people, and to work towards our full equality and liberation.

More information about the Parade and Festival can be found on the Salisbury Pride website at www.SalisburyPrideParade.com. On the website, individuals can also register an individual, or as a group to walk in the parade; entertainers can inquire about performing; vendors can enlist; and people can get involved as volunteers.