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## CAPE COD PRIDE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES CAPE COD'S LGBTQ COMMUNITY

### *Fourth Annual Event Set to Honor the Past and Unite for the Future — Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Hyannis Village Green*

(HYANNIS, MA – JUNE 3, 2019) — The Fourth Annual Cape Cod PRIDE Festival will be held on Saturday, June 22nd from noon to 5:00 P.M. at the Hyannis Village Green. All are welcome and admission is free. A PRIDE Dance Party will follow the Village Green event from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Cape Cod Beer in Hyannis.

In 2018, a study published by the Equality Fund of the Boston Foundation, estimated that more than 10,000 LGBTQ individuals are year-round residents of the Cape. The festival seeks to better connect the LGBTQ community cape-wide and invites all who celebrate diversity and share the fight for equality. In addition to the festival, Cape PRIDE promotes and sponsors programs and events year-round that build and support LGBTQ communities in every region of Cape Cod.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Honoring Our Past, Uniting For Our Future." 2019 presents a trifecta of LGBTQ milestones — including the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, the 30th anniversary of the passage of Massachusetts' gay rights law, and the 15th anniversary of marriage equality in Massachusetts. With much more work to do locally and nationally to ensure full opportunity and equal rights, the festival also looks to the future and those who are working to make a difference for future generations.

Two local organizations focused on making the Cape a better place for the LGBTQ community and for all, will be honored at the festival. No Place For Hate (Falmouth) and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) - Cape Cod will receive Cape Cod PRIDE's first annual "Making A Difference" Award for the work they do every day to promote equality for all, and for jointly bringing LGBTQ PRIDE back to Cape Cod in 2016, after a 15 year gap.

This year's Cape Cod PRIDE Festival features prominent speakers as well as live music, crafts and community vendors, food trucks, raffle prizes, and activities for families and kids. ASL interpreters will be provided.

The Festival's keynote speaker is the inspirational **Reverend Irene Monroe**. Other featured speakers include: State Senator, **Julian Cyr**; Executive Director of GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), **Janson Wu**; Director of the Multicultural AIDS Coalition, **Gary Daffin**; Stonewall veteran, **David Bermudez**; transgender rights activist, **Paula Degree**; Executive Director of Cape and Islands Gay Straight Youth Alliance (CIGSYA), **Scott Fitzmaurice**; LGBTQ activist, **Stephen Perreault**; and **Nick Bulman**, a transgender Barnstable High School graduate who made national headlines when he was recently crowned Prom King at his senior prom.

Entertainment includes live music by **Funktapuss**; **DJ Sheri Lynne** and her band; poet extraordinaire **Kim Baker**; and emcees **Crimson Glittah** and **Sandy Dunes**.



#### About Cape Cod Pride:

Cape Cod PRIDE aspires to help connect the Cape's LGBTQ Community by producing an all-Cape PRIDE Festival every June, and by promoting regional LGBTQ Community development year round. With the help of our allies, Cape Cod PRIDE also strives to build bridges of understanding between the Cape's LGBTQ Community and the Community-at-large.

For more information or to participate in upcoming events, please visit [capecodpride.org](http://capecodpride.org); and join Cape Cod PRIDE on Facebook as well as Meetup.com.