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Ensuring Safety at Pride Houston: A Tradition of Security and Celebration

Dear Pride Houston Community,

As we approach our 46th Annual Houston Pride Festival and Parade, we understand the concerns raised by the recent joint public service announcement from the [FBI and the Department of Homeland Security](#) regarding potential threats to Pride events. We want to assure you that the safety and security of all participants have always been, and continue to be, our top priority.

Pride Houston 365 has a long-standing tradition of creating a secure environment for our celebration. This year is no exception, especially in light of current global events. We are working closely with over 27 local and federal agencies, including the Houston Police Department, Harris County Precinct One, Security Agency Allen and Allen, Houston Emergency Management Services, Houston Fire Department, Homeland Security, and the FBI, to ensure our event is safe for everyone involved.

Our security measures include the presence of watch towers, extensive coordination with law enforcement agencies, and undercover agents among the crowd. These measures are part of a comprehensive security plan designed to handle any threats effectively and ensure that our celebration remains a bastion of joy and unity in the face of adversity.

"We understand the concerns that arise from such warnings, and we want to reassure our community that your safety is our utmost priority," said Pride Houston 365 spokesperson. "Pride has always been an event to celebrate despite hate and fear. We are taking every measure possible to ensure that our festival and parade remains a safe space for everyone to come together in celebration and solidarity."

****Our Message of Resilience and Unity****

We stand together, undeterred and united, in the face of threats. Pride is not just a celebration but a symbol of the resilience and strength of our community. We will continue to wave our flags high, love without apology, and celebrate our identities with pride and defiance. Our history of safety and vigilance speaks for itself, and we are committed to continuing this legacy.

Let us move forward together, celebrating our diversity and unity with confidence. We invite everyone to join us on June 29, 2024, for a day of joy, solidarity, and pride. Rest assured, Pride Houston 365 is doing everything in our power to ensure that our event remains a safe space for all.

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Thank you for your trust and support. We look forward to celebrating with you, safely and joyously.

You can read the full joint statement by the FBI and Department of Homeland Security here: <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2024/PSA240510> and NBC News Reports here: <https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/fbi-dhs-warn-terrorists-target-pride-events-june-rcna152350>

Warm regards,

Pride Houston Board of Directors