



## NEWS RELEASE

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**The Pride Committee of North Carolina, Inc.**  
**Officially Announces Date, Location and Theme for**

**NC PrideFest 2001 - September 29th**

*"embrace diversity"*

**Public Parade/March in Durham, NC and Night Festival in Raleigh, NC**

The Pride Committee of North Carolina, an NC Non-Profit Corporation, announces **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** and **Durham, NC/Raleigh, NC** as the date and location of **NC PrideFest 2001**, North Carolina's **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered parade and festival**. The Parade will be on Main St. in Durham. The Day Festival will be on Duke East Campus, Durham, NC. The Night Festival will be in Raleigh, NC.

This year's International pride theme is **"embrace diversity"**. NC PrideFest 2001 strives to promote community participation and visibility between lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgendered people and the general public of North Carolina.

***For more information:***

<http://www.ncpride.org>

***Information and photos of past and present NC Pride Events***  
***Sign up for the NC Pride email list***  
***Keep informed of Pride events that will be planned throughout the year***

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*Promoting positive images of North Carolina's LGBT community through public events and programs*

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## **Addendum to Press Release for Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 2001**

For the first time, the Pride Committee of NC has chosen two cities for North Carolina's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Pride Parade and Festival. NC PrideFest 2001 will consist of a public parade and day festival hosted in Durham, NC and a night festival hosted in Raleigh, NC. Other cities around the state, including Chapel Hill, will host Pre-Pride Events. Additional participation and help from neighboring Pride organizations and groups in the cities of Atlanta and Washington, DC is already in planning.

Another exciting development for the festival is the change of date from June to September. By moving the events to September, the Pride Committee hopes to allow greater participation by the thousands of LGBT students and student organizations attending North Carolina colleges and universities. In addition, concerns with interrupting summer vacation plans, as well as long exposure to June's high heat and humidity by parade marchers were other factors that influenced the Pride committee's decision. Weather in September is expected to be in the mid-seventies and with a less likely chance of rain. Surveys of past pride participants indicate that a large majority favored the change of date into the autumn of the year. The trend throughout the South is to move these events to either the spring or autumn months.

This year's theme of "Embrace Diversity" is the International Pride theme chosen by the NC Pride Committee at last year's international conference of The International Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Pride Coordinators. The Pride Committee of NC is a proud member of InterPride that represents over 60 cities and organizations from 22 countries around the world. In keeping with the theme, the committee intends reach out to other minority communities.

A complete schedule of events will be posted on the website ([www.ncpride.org](http://www.ncpride.org)) as decided, along with information on sponsorship, vendors and volunteers. June will remain Pride Month with a planned series of events and fundraisers around the State. The Pride committee has issued a general call for participation from all of the cities of NC from Wilmington to Asheville. If you are interested in Pride and are willing to volunteer or organize a small group from your own city please contact them at [info@ncpride.org](mailto:info@ncpride.org) or phone: 919-414-5555 or mail: PO Box 466, Durham, NC 27702.

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