Dear Friends,

As we all continue to process the terrible act of violence that struck the Orlando LGBT community, we wanted to take a moment to let you all know what is happening at NYC Pride to ensure the safety of the millions of people who will attend our events over the next two weeks.

Some folks have asked if any of our events will be canceled for safety reasons. All events will continue to go on as scheduled. The reason for this is simple: we must never let those who wish to silence us win.

Since the news broke out of Orlando, our staff and executive board have been in communication with the NYPD and our private security team, both of which are now putting together plans to adjust our existing security protocols in light of the Orlando attack. We hope to have more updates of what those adjustments will look like in the coming days.

It is important to note that even before this weekend, NYC Pride has had some of the best security protocols in place of any Pride in the country. For decades, we have worked closely with the NYPD and a number of other city agencies to ensure the safety of every guest. We also deploy a team of hundreds of professional security guards throughout our events, in addition to security measures that most guests never see.

We ask you to join us in remembrance of the victims of the Orlando attack tonight, Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. in front of The Stonewall Inn.

Again, we want you to know that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone involved with NYC Pride safe. Today, we hope you will hug your friends and family, and keep the spirit of those community members we lost today in your hearts.

In solidarity,

Maryanne Roberto Fine and David Studinski
Co-Chairs, NYC Pride