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Baton Rouge Mayor Declares Pride Day June 11

Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Kip Holden again signed a proclamation declaring June 11, 2016, as Baton Rouge Pride/GLBT Pride Day in the city-parish – in honor of the Baton Rouge Pride festival and other activities that day.

“The Baton Rouge Pride team thanks Mayor Holden for recognizing the importance of our community to the area,” said Tom Merrill, chairman of BR Pride Inc. and head of the team organizing the Baton Rouge Pride festival on June 11 at the Baton Rouge River Center.

The mayor’s proclamation reads, in part: “Whereas Baton Rouge is a city composed of a great variety of diverse people, cultures, religions, sexual orientations, languages and customs, and whereas the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities have contributed to the City Parish of East Baton Rouge through active involvement in cultural and economic progress, now, therefore, I, Melvin “Kip” Holden, Mayor-President of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, hereby do proclaim June 11, 2016, as Baton Rouge Pride/GLBT Pride Day.”

The Baton Rouge Pride festival is open to all who want to celebrate with the community on June 11 and includes entertainment and a giant community resource fair from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Baton Rouge River Center Exhibition Halls. Admission is free.

The festival will be followed by the Equality March, organized by Equality Louisiana, starting from the front of the River Center and progressing to the steps of the Louisiana State Capitol building.

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