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## Centre LGBTQA Support Network announces second annual State College Pride to take place on June 11, 2022, and is now accepting sponsorships.

STATE COLLEGE, PA – Centre LGBTQA Support Network (CLSN) and the Borough of State College will host the second annual Pride in State College on Saturday, June 11, 2022. The day is comprised of a "Pride Ride" caravan and march downtown with an after-party in the Sidney Friedman Parklet (241 South Fraser Street). Additional Pride events will be announced and include a Pride Kickoff "Gayla" on Friday, June 10. "Pride is a time for our community to come together and celebrate our beautiful diversity. We want everyone to know that we see them, we respect them, and we treasure what makes each of us unique and special," said CLSN Founding Member, Tamar London (she/her).

This summer's inaugural State College Pride attracted hundreds of area residents, saturated local media, and generated record-breaking revenues at local businesses. Overwhelmed by requests from organizations who wanted to get involved, the Centre LGBTQA Support Network is now accepting sponsors for Pride 2022. "Sponsoring Pride in State College is not only a meaningful way to reach residents by marching, tabling, and advertising; sponsorship is a concrete way to demonstrate your organization's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and belonging here in State College," said Pia Smal (she/her), CLSN Founding Member and Co-Chair.

Proceeds from Pride 2022 will benefit CLSN's initiatives to support the Centre County LGBTQA+ community, including support groups; a community clothing closet; and a schedule full of workshops, trainings, and other resources. "As a long-time LGBTQ resident and employee of the Borough of State College, I am so grateful for the efforts of CLSN. I'm excited for Pride in 2022 and so proud to live in the State College community," said Kevin Kassab (he/him), Manager of Community Engagement for the Borough.

For more information on Pride 2022 and sponsorship opportunities, please visit <u>www.statecollegepride.org</u> and follow @CentreLGBTQA on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.