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MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA, ACLU,
BLACK LIVES MATTER, OTHERS TO JOIN PHOENIX PRIDE FOR
PHOENIX EQUALITY MARCH / RALLY FOR UNITY & PRIDE

Sunday, June 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Heritage Square Historic District, Phoenix

PHOENIX — **Phoenix Pride** is pleased to welcome more than half-a-dozen local partner organizations to present the local **Equality March and Rally for Unity & Pride**, in conjunction with the national Equality March taking place in Washington, D.C. earlier that day. The march and rally will take place on **Sunday, June 11, 2017** from **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at the **Heritage Square Historic District in Phoenix.**

In keeping with the national goal of “mobilizing LGBTQ+ communities, our loved ones and our allies – with particular focus on those who have been actively silenced and neglected – in the fight to affirm and protect our rights, our safety and our full humanity,” the Phoenix march/rally will feature remarks from speakers representing a broad base of the diverse Phoenix community, including representatives of the Arizona LGBTQ+ community and allied organizations that are actively pursuing equity, inclusion and justice for all people, regardless of gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, national origin or status.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for the entire Phoenix-area community to come together and share in the very human elements that unite us, while celebrating the differences

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that make us unique,” Phoenix Pride Executive Director Justin Owen said regarding the event. “We are at a critical moment in our national history, and the participation of so many organizations in this event will send a message, loud and clear, that we are a community that stands together for all of our Phoenix residents, gay or straight, cis or trans, immigrant or Native American, regardless of economic standing, religious affiliation or place of origin. We stand as one community, and in solidarity with similar events taking place on the same day, in communities across the country.”

In addition to delivering a strong message of united community, the march and rally will recognize the first anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub shootings in Orlando, Florida, which were perpetrated on June 12, 2016. The Phoenix event will conclude with a special tribute to those lives lost in Orlando.

Confirmed partners for the Phoenix Equality March and Rally for Unity & Pride include:

- Amnesty International
- Equality Arizona
- Human Rights Campaign
- one•n•ten
- Planned Parenthood
- Black Lives Matter (Phoenix)
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
- Phoenix Pride

Additional partner announcements are pending, as well as the full list of confirmed speakers for the rally.

Detailed information regarding the Equality March can be found online at <http://www.equalitymarch2017.org>. Information regarding Phoenix Pride is available at <http://phoenixpride.org>.

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