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OC HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION SUPPORTS PRIDE MONTH & STANDS WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

Santa Ana, CA (6/13/2024) - During Pride month, we celebrate the LGBTQ+ community's diversity, resilience, and achievements. It is also a time to reflect and remember that despite significant progress over the past decades, the fight for LGBTQ+ acceptance remains ongoing. According to the 2022 Hate Crimes report, Orange County experienced a 126% increase in anti-LGBTQ+ hate activity compared to the previous year – an alarming and concerning rise.

The OC Human Relations Commission honors the LGBTQ+ communities and commemorates the Stonewall Uprising of 1969. We remain committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all, believing that our diversity is our strength. We extend our gratitude to, and stand with, our local organizations working for equality and justice for all.

The mission of the Orange County Human Relations Commission is to "seek out the causes of tension and conflict, discrimination and intolerance and attempt to eliminate those causes." We uphold everyone's right to live free of racism, hate, discrimination, and bigotry, regardless of where they live. We are committed to combating racism and bigotry with love, empathy, compassion, and strength while promoting equity, inclusion, diversity, and belonging for all.

If you have witnessed a hate act or been victimized, please report it in the following ways: Online: <u>https://hatecrime.211oc.org/</u>, Call: 211, press #6, Text: OCHATEACTIVITY to 898211