

# Proclamation



## DC BLACK PRIDE WEEKEND

MAY 21 - 29, 2017

**WHEREAS**, Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc. will host its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual DC Black Pride Weekend with the theme: The Ties that Bind: Twenty-Seven Years of DC Black Pride; and

**WHEREAS**, this annual event brings together thousands of participants who come together for this festive event and to increase awareness of pride and diversity of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) African-American community, as well as to support organizations that focus on health disparities, education, youth and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Black LGBT community is dedicated to ensuring the adequate provision of health care related services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, eliminating domestic violence, and facilitating appropriate services for LGBT elders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Black LGBT community strives to combat all violence directed toward LGBT women and men, thus ensuring that the District of Columbia remains a safe place for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim May 21 - 29, 2017, in Washington, DC, as "DC BLACK PRIDE WEEKEND".

