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Dear members of Interpride

As Lord Mayor of Copenhagen and as mayors of Copenhagen we are delighted to learn that Copenhagen is being considered as host of the prestigious **WORLDPRIDE** in 2021, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Copenhagen Pride – Denmark's largest human rights festival – and we hereby wish to assure you of our wholehearted support for this bid. As the capital city of one of the world's leading countries within the advancement of LGBT-rights, Copenhagen, who was in 2014 named "The most Gay-friendly place on the planet" by Lonely Planet, would be the logical host for WorldPride 2021. Hosting WorldPride 2021 in Copenhagen would without doubt further boost awareness of, and contribute to, the advancement of LGBT-rights in Denmark and around the globe.

In choosing Copenhagen as your WorldPride destination for 2021 we would welcome you to one of the most LGBT friendly destinations on the planet, one of the most popular congress cities in the world and to the world's happiest nation.

You will encounter a city dedicated to the well-being and prosperity to *all* its citizens, a city in which openness, kindness and liveability constitute the pillars of the community that *is* Copenhagen and which are the foundation to how we live together as citizens of Copenhagen. In addition, WorldPride activists in Copenhagen can enjoy the benefits of Scandinavian design, functionality and professionalism, as well as every conceivable variety of modern technology. The city offers state-of-the-art conference facilities and hotels as well as compactness, with the majority of hotels and attractions within walking distance of each other.

The capital of one of the oldest kingdoms in the world is easily accessible for WorldPride participants. In Copenhagen you will be surrounded by the sea, and experience a flourishing cultural life, creative growth and a vibrant atmosphere in which you can meet the easy-going and open-minded Copenhageners.

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The City works very closely with Copenhagen Pride and is determined to make this a world class event that changes lives – in Copenhagen and in the world. In 1989 the world's first same sex partnership ceremony was performed at the City Hall of Copenhagen, and we continue to be one of the World's top LGBT-destinations for weddings – something that we will do our best to make accessible for all during World Pride 2021.

On behalf of the City of Copenhagen, we excitedly welcome WorldPride 2021 and all its activists and other participants to Copenhagen. The municipality has supported the efforts of Copenhagen Pride to host WorldPride in Copenhagen wholeheartedly from the outset, we are committed to assisting Copenhagen Pride in all aspects of planning and execution to celebrate a spectacular event and, as an expression of our hospitality, we would very much like to welcome you to Copenhagen City Hall for a complimentary reception.

Furthermore, we hope that all participants while having an unforgettable Pride experience, will also enjoy Copenhagen, and take home with them many happy memories from our vibrant, cosy and exciting metropolis.

Yours faithfully.

rank Jensen,

Lord Mayor of Copenhagen

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