



The International Association of Pride Organizers

## **Statement of Support for Starkville Pride**

February 27, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Board and Members of InterPride we declare that LGBTQ+ rights are Human Rights. Furthermore, we believe in advocating for full and equal human and civil rights protecting LGBTQ+ citizens and every person in the United States of America from discrimination in all its forms and are therefore saddened by the recent events that took place in Starkville, Mississippi.

InterPride is the International Association of Pride Organizers with over two hundred (200) member organizations and a combined reach of over thirty million people across the globe. Our **vision** is for a world where there is full cultural, social and legal equality for all, through our **mission** of Empowering Pride Organizations Worldwide.

Pride is a celebration of diversity, inclusion and love and we fully support Starkville Pride as they pursue a peaceful resolution to what we believe has been a miscarriage of justice by their city government in not allowing them the opportunity to peacefully assemble to celebrate our community's love and support for those individuals who identify as gender and sexually diverse.

We believe that the right to celebrate love is fundamental and inalienable for all persons in the United States and trust that our legal system will allow Starkville Pride to continue on its journey of love.

Our support is for the LGBTQ+ folk of Starkville and our hope is for an immediate resolution of this miscarriage of justice.

**Yours in Pride,**

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**Brett Hayhoe**  
**Co-President**

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**Linda Demarco**  
**Co-President**