



CITY OF KNOXVILLE
MADELINE ROGERO, MAYOR

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Welcome to Knoxville PrideFest 2016!

As Mayor, I am proud to serve a city that recognizes and embraces the contributions of all of its citizens. Our diversity strengthens and energizes us!

The 11th anniversary PrideFest has special meaning, because this is the first Pride celebration since the Supreme Court's landmark ruling on marriage equality last year. So for the first time, some of you are attending as married couples with Tennessee marriage licenses.

This year's festival includes the Knoxville Gay Men's Chorus at the Civic Auditorium, a family picnic, and lots of events at local restaurants. That is all in addition to the annual parade and festival on June 18, with headliner Chely Wright, as well as appearances by Coco Montrese and Derrick Barry, and the Knoxville Opera.



I am grateful to the organizers of PrideFest for their work in not just affirming the vitality and importance of our local LGBT community, but also inviting all of Knoxville to share in the fun and festivities. As the ever-growing crowds attest, PrideFest is a festival for everyone.

I am honored to serve as your Mayor, and I wish everyone a happy and successful PrideFest!

Sincerely,

Madeline Rogero
Mayor, City of Knoxville