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The Power of Pride

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Happy LGBTQ+ Pride Month!

This month, as LGBTQ+ communities and allies celebrate the humanity, dignity, beauty, and accomplishments of our LGBTQ+ family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues, we are reminded of how much work there is left to do in America and around the globe. We are also reminded that LGBTQ+ Pride month is in June for an important reason - it is a remembrance and celebration of people fighting back against unfair and inhumane discrimination at the

Although the resistance on that night and the following few nights is referred to as the Stonewall Riots, LGBTQ+ Pride Month celebrations remind us that June 28, 1969, was not about rioting...*it was about fighting back with pride.*



The following is a statement from one of the people arrested that night at the Stonewall Inn. I hope it inspires you to celebrate the power of LGBTQ+ Pride and recognize the power of fighting back against any and all injustice...*with pride.*

"We all had a collective feeling like we'd had enough of this kind of shit.

It wasn't anything tangible anybody said to anyone else, it was just kind of like everything over the years had come to a head on that one particular night in the one particular place, and it was not an organized demonstration.

Everyone in the crowd felt that we were never going to go back.

It was like the last straw.

It was time to reclaim something that had always been taken from us.

All kinds of people, all different reasons, but mostly it was total outrage, anger, sorrow, everything combined, and everything just kind of ran its course.

*And we felt that we had freedom at last,
or freedom to at least show that we demanded freedom.
We weren't going to be walking meekly in the night and letting
them shove us around—it's like standing your ground for the first
time and in a really strong way, and that's what caught the police
by surprise.
There was something in the air, freedom a long time overdue,
and we're going to fight for it.
It took different forms, but the bottom line was, we weren't going to
go away.
And we didn't."*

Stonewall: The Riots That Sparked the Gay Revolution
by David Carter

Mahalo!
The Nextions Team



THE NEXTIONS MISSION

*We are a team of inspired authentic people who see with
imagination, create with courage, serve with integrity, and lead
with passion. We believe that by changing the way individuals
think, work, and lead, we can change the world..for good. We
work for that change every day by living Our Fundamentals in
every interaction with each other and all those we have the
privilege of serving.*

OUR FUNDAMENTALS

Joy

positive attitude for how we do it.

Excellence

we pay attention to every detail in our environment, our actions and our work with the commitment that no detail is too small to matter.

Kindness

we are kind in every interaction with each other, our clients, and our partners with the commitment that being kind is a choice we make regardless of what is going on around us.

Kaizen

we continuously improve our environment, our actions and our work with the commitment that we can always do it better.

Kairos

we seize every moment as an opportunity to solve a problem with the commitment that we work to solve problems, not execute tasks.

Leadership

we lead with innovation in our ideas, our service and our actions with the commitment that leadership requires imagination, courage, and integrity.



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