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## **Special Edition E-Bulletin: Official date set for SC Pride 2007**

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*Pride Theme: "Equal Rights are Human Rights"*

SC Pride 2007, a celebration of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) individuals in South Carolina, will be held on September 22 in Columbia's Finlay Park. Festivities will begin at 12 p.m. with a parade through downtown Columbia, followed by a rally and festival in Finlay Park.

Admission to the festival and parade are free and open to the entire family. All South Carolinians are encouraged to attend, regardless of sexual orientation. Straight allies to the gay community are especially encouraged to attend and to show their support for their GLBT friends, family and neighbors.

Other events during the week-long Pride celebration include a town hall meeting on GLBT issues, the Miss SC Pride 2007 pageant and special performances by nationally recognized entertainers, which will be announced at a later date.

This year's theme, "Equal Rights are Human Rights," calls attention to the need for equal rights for all South Carolinians and seeks to add a human dimension to the struggle for equality for GLBT Americans.

"Let's show South Carolina that we're still here and proud!" said Michael Van Diver, president of the South Carolina Gay & Lesbian Pride Movement (SCGLPM), which organizes the annual event. "SC voters may not have voted with us this past November but the GLBT community is still present in every corner of the state. This is our chance to stand tall and proud as we celebrate our community and seek equality for all South Carolinians."

SC Pride is sponsored by local business and organizations, as well as by contributions from Food Lion and The Human Rights Campaign. Proceeds from SC Pride 2007 support future SC Pride events and the Harriet Hancock Center for the Gay & Lesbian Community of South Carolina, located at 1108 Woodrow Street in Columbia.

SCGLPM is currently accepting sponsorships for SC Pride 2007. Registration forms for exhibitors and vendors, parade participant applications, "Pride Guide" ad rates, as well as sponsorship information can be found at [www.scpride.org/forms.html](http://www.scpride.org/forms.html).

For more information about SC Pride, visit [www.scpride.org](http://www.scpride.org) or contact Ryan Wilson at 410.459.4670 or [prideinsc@yahoo.com](mailto:prideinsc@yahoo.com).