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Upcoming Pride Events

Mr. Forbes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Every year, June is filled with pride events right across Saskatchewan. Pride parades are happening on May 30th in Moose Jaw, June 5th in Swift Current, June 13th in Saskatoon, and June 20th in Regina.

Queen City Pride has asked that June be declared Gender and Sexual Diversity Celebration Month in Saskatchewan. They write:

Although today lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) individuals enjoy most of the same rights and privileges as heterosexual or traditionally-gendered individuals, as a group, LGBTQ individuals are still working for equality and non-discrimination in the workplace, in business dealings, and in various other areas. We are lucky to live in a province which has embraced and continues to embrace diversity, regardless of gender or sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, or beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, I always like to attend the Welcome to the Gaybourhood event only a few blocks from my office, this year on June 10th, and this year Saskatoon Pride is celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Pride parade. It should be a good one.

I'd like to end with a quote from Danny Papadatos, Chair of the Saskatoon Diversity Network:

Pride is our opportunity to stand, walk, march and celebrate the people we were and are as an LGBTQ community united. We plan to bring you a festival that not only has you proud to be part of our community but gives you a chance to say: Look At Us Now.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to get out in their communities and take in some pride events, promote diversity, and celebrate Saskatchewan's LGBTQ community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.