

# Flagler Pride Announcement Press Release



## Flagler Pride 501c3 Announces Cancellation of 2024 Pride Festival.

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Flagler Pride 501c3 regrets to announce the cancellation of this year's Pride Festival scheduled for 6/15/24. After the resignation of four out of six board members, including the President and Vice President who were leading the planning stages, the organization has made the difficult decision to cancel the event. This decision comes with the intention of regrouping, rebuilding the board, and returning stronger for future Pride celebrations.

"We believe it's better to do things 100% or not at all," said Quinn Vickers, Event Chair [now acting-President] at Flagler Pride 501c3. "While this decision was challenging, we see it as an opportunity to reassess and ensure that we can deliver an event that truly reflects the values and spirit of our community."

The organization extends its sincere apologies on behalf of Eryn Harris, one of our Advisory team members. Harris's premature direction on the recent social media post without awaiting an official statement from the organization was regrettable and not reflective of our organizational standards. Moving forward, all social media channels will be managed solely by the organization itself, as it should have always been.

Flagler Pride 501c3 acknowledges and thanks Erica Rivera, our immediate past President, for her significant contributions in growing the organization and putting our community on the map. Alongside her, Garrett Marinconz, the former Secretary, has been instrumental in guiding us through this difficult decision since the recent announcement.

Erica Rivera's nonprofit, the National CARE Foundation, although a separate entity, is continuing its commitment to hosting this year's annual Pulse Remembrance Vigil on June 16th at Veterans Park in Flagler Beach from 6-8pm. Additionally, Pride Night at Coquina Coast Brewing Company on 2nd Fridays at 8pm will continue as scheduled for adult LGBTQ+ persons

and their allies. Flagler Pride 501c3 urges the public to support these events while the organization takes this sabbatical to regroup and plan for the future.

For further inquiries or information, please contact [flagler.pride@gmail.com](mailto:flagler.pride@gmail.com).

## About the Organization

*Flagler Pride 501c3 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating and advocating for LGBTQ+ individuals and communities in Flagler County. Through their monthly youth socials, LGBTQ+ coffee connections and their annual Pride Festival, we aim to foster inclusivity, acceptance, and equality for all.*