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Though the LGBTQ+ Community is still not at peace, in regards to the oppression of constant judgment, harassment, violence, and the passing of discriminatory and unconstitutional laws, WE are STILL HERE... breathing, living, fighting, surviving, and most importantly, remain-

ing true to ourselves. That in itself is a victory, and we must claim it as our birthright. WE are victorious in ways that many people will never understand, and they don't have to understand. What matters is that WE understand and that WE never give up. That is our strength! That is our power! That is what allows us to live free! That is what gives us hope! That is what empowers us!!

June, our sacred and celebratory Pride month, might only last for 30 days, but WE, both individually and collectively, must shine our Pride Light for all to see every day that WE are blessed to be alive. WE must shine in our walk, our talk, our dress,

our smile, and... our love. Yes, love is important; WE must love ourselves, love our neighbor, love our community, and never become like the oppressor. Thus, as long as WE shine our Light, the victory will always be ours. Happy Pride!

Last but not least, Juneteenth Fest was a blast! Though it is not LGBTQ+ specific, the event was all-inclusive. The message was powerful, the entertainment was fun, the music was grooving, the food was delicious, and the unity was loud and clear. Thank you to all who made this year's Juneteenth Fest amazing. Until next time, take care of yourselves, and BE KIND to one another.

Pride Kick-Off Party



CNY Pride Parade & Festival



Cleveland Pride

