



Dear Proud LGBTQ+ residents, visitors, and allies,

On behalf of the residents of St. Pete, welcome to this year's "Come Out St. Pete" celebration! Come Out St. Pete is an organization that seeks to raise awareness and advocate for equity and justice for the LGBTQ+ community. Like the "National Come Out Day" on October 11th, Come Out St. Pete advocates for community awareness and acceptance by celebrating our city's vibrant LGBTQ+ history and achievements through events like this.

Inclusivity is one of the guiding principles of my administration. City staff, residents, and businesses all work with the intention of making inclusivity a cornerstone of our great city. I am proud St. Pete is a place where diversity is embraced and celebrated, and I am honored to continue our city's proud tradition of supporting our LGBTQ+ community.

While you partake in the celebration, take a moment to enjoy our world-class culinary scene, visit one of the many museums and galleries, support our amazing local businesses, walk along the waterfront, listen to some local music and feel the vibrant spirit that is St. Pete — all while knowing you are embraced no matter what the color of your skin, how you identify, what you wear or who you love.

Thank you for choosing St. Pete and I hope you enjoy your stay.

We are St. Pete!

Thank you,

Kenneth T. Welch
Mayor

