



WINNIPEG LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE INC.

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Glen Murray to participate in Pride Winnipeg festivities

Winnipeg, MB – The Pride Winnipeg committee is excited to announce that former Winnipeg mayor Glen Murray will participate in this year’s Pride activities, taking place June 6, 2010. Murray will speak at the Pride rally at the Manitoba Legislative Building, and be the Grand Marshall for the Pride parade that will make its way through downtown Winnipeg from the Legislature to The Forks.

“Glen Murray is a visionary political leader who inspired many people in the GLBTTQ* community when he became the first openly gay mayor in Canada,” said Barb Burkowski, Chair of the Pride Winnipeg committee. “He put the national spotlight on Winnipeg and left an indelible stamp on our city during his time in office. We couldn’t be happier to bring him back to participate in Pride.”

Murray began his political career in 1989 by winning a seat on Winnipeg’s city council representing the Fort Rouge ward. He served as mayor from 1998 to 2004, after which time he moved to Toronto and later became the President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute. On February 4, 2010, he was elected Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, representing Toronto Centre.

Murray is also a board member for the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research and serves as a member of Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty’s advisory panel on climate change and the Places to Grow expert panel. He has been a life-long champion for healthy, sustainable communities and better social services.

“I have a deep connection to Winnipeg and the city will always hold a special place in my heart and mind,” said Murray. “It was in Winnipeg that I campaigned to have sexual orientation included in the Manitoba Human Rights Code and helped establish Village Clinic, the first integrated community based prevention, care and treatment centre for HIV/AIDS in Canada.”



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The Pride Winnipeg committee invites you to join us in welcoming Glen Murray on June 6, 2010. The rally at the Legislature, parade through downtown, and festival at The Forks are open to all and free to participate. For more information about Pride Winnipeg, please visit www.pridewinnipeg.com.

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