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Pride Winnipeg is ‘lighting up the legislature’

Winnipeg, MB – To mark the 25th anniversary of Pride celebrations in Winnipeg, Pride Winnipeg will be ‘lighting up the legislature’ tomorrow evening. On Friday, June 1 at 9 p.m. members of the queer community and their supporters will gather at Memorial Park to watch as the front columns of the Manitoba Legislative Building are lit up in rainbow colours, with the Pride 25 logo appearing on the dome of the building, just beneath the Golden Boy.

“This is one of the most significant things we are doing to celebrate the occasion of our 25th anniversary,” said Barb Burkowski, Chair, Pride Winnipeg. “What really started the Pride movement in Winnipeg was the passing of a piece of legislation that included protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation in Manitoba’s Human Rights Code – so what better way to symbolically mark the occasion than by lighting up the building where these protections were drafted and became law.”

The legislature will remain lit Friday night and be re-lit Saturday evening, leading into Pride Day activities on Sunday, June 3. For more information about this year’s Pride celebrations, please visit our website at www.pridewinnipeg.com.

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