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Executive Order Establishes LGBTQ+ Commission in Delaware

DELAWARE – Today Governor Hall-Long signed an executive order establishing a statewide LGBTQ+ commission for Delaware. Governor Hall-Long was joined by LGBTQ+ community leaders, many of whom have participated in community meetings over the past year organized by Hall-Long in her prior role as Lieutenant Governor.

“Today's executive order is an important step toward progress, bringing us into alignment with our neighbors in Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.” stated David Mariner, Executive Director of Sussex Pride.

He continued: “It is my hope that, through this commission, we can address the critical issues facing LGBTQ Delawareans. This includes developing an LGBTQ health report with a tangible roadmap to health equity, increasing collaboration and communication on hate crimes and hate-related activities, and ensuring that nondiscrimination protections, guaranteed by law, are a reality for all of our residents.”

The next Governor of Delaware, Matt Meyer, will be sworn in on January 21st. Governor Elect Meyer will select the majority of the 9 commissioners to be appointed. More information about Delaware Boards & Commissions is available at: <https://governor.delaware.gov/boards-commissions/>

Pictures from this event are available for your use at:

https://sussexpride.org/prideshots/?album=9033&album_ses=1#aigpl-album-gallery-1

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Sussex Pride works to celebrate, strengthen, and support the LGBTQ+ community in Sussex County and the state of Delaware, working through a social justice lens. We focus on arts & culture, health & wellness, social and support groups, and advocacy for our community. (www.sussexpride.org)