

# Justice Today. Equality Forever!

## Selected As 2011 Greater Palm Springs Pride Theme

**Palm Springs, CA – April 20, 2011...**The Greater Palm Springs Pride board of directors announced the theme for the annual Palm Springs Pride Celebration scheduled for November 5 and 6 is "Justice Today. Equality Forever!" This year's events commemorate 25 years of pride celebrations in the Coachella Valley.

The theme reflects and celebrates the progress achieved toward equality while also serving as a reminder that the fight for equal rights for all individuals continues.

Marking recent equal rights achievements the theme celebrates: the successful repeal of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy; the milestone decision by President Obama and Eric Holder to declare DOMA unconstitutional and not defend it in court; an election that resulted in California's legislature being more than 5 percent openly LGBT -- the greatest percentage in any state in history; more than 50 percent of California voters now support marriage equality; and the current challenge of the merits of Proposition 8 under federal law.

"The theme is a reminder to celebrate how far we have come," said Ron deHarte, Executive Vice President of Greater Palm Springs Pride. The selection keeps top of mind the fact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals are denied basic equal rights. The work to achieve equality continues. deHarte added, "The theme sets the tone for celebration but more importantly it is intended to raise awareness, help educate and unite our communities."

The two-day pride festival will be held November 5 and 6 and the parade will step off at 10 a.m. on November 6. Both events are featured highlights of the Palm Springs Pride celebration of equality, diversity and unity.

For more information about the parade or festival exhibitor applications visit Palm Springs Pride online at [www.pspride.org](http://www.pspride.org). For sponsorship information, contact 760-333-3972.

### **About Greater Palm Springs Pride:**

The Greater Palm Springs Pride organization ( [www.pspride.org](http://www.pspride.org) ) is a non-profit organization founded to promote the public education and public awareness of individual rights and civil liberties of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and to promote the history, diversity and future prosperity of the Greater Palm Springs LGBT community.