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**Until We're Safe March to follow Pride Parade**

As a tribute to community members lost as well as those who continue to feel unsafe in the community, Pride Toronto will conclude the traditional Pride Parade with the "Until We're Safe March". The march, formerly called the Black March, is being introduced as part of the Until We're Safe campaign and has been created with the support of local community members.

"We are looking for ways to unite the community after a difficult year including the discovery of the deaths of several men in our community," says Pride Toronto Executive Director, Olivia Nuamah. "The goal of both the Until We're Safe campaign and march is to show how far we still have to go to truly be safe. We are using these stories to create empathy for our community."

Originally titled the Black March, this event has been renamed to the Until We're Safe March to encompass the values of the similarly named campaign. The goals of both are to commemorate the losses in the LGBTQ2S+ community and highlight ways in which the community continues to experience danger.

The Until We're Safe March will be led by organizers and volunteers wearing black. As the march progresses down Yonge St., barricades at Bloor St., Wellesley St., Carlton St. and Gerrard St. will be opened to allow attendees to join.

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**ABOUT PRIDE TORONTO:** Pride Toronto is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to bring people together to celebrate the history, courage and diversity of the LGBTQ community. June 2018 features Toronto's third Pride month, culminating with the 38th annual Pride Parade on Sunday, June 24.