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Legal Aid Statement on Pride Month 2021

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement on Pride Month 2021:

“Today marks the beginning of Pride month, a time to celebrate the resilience and strength of LGBTQ+ communities after a long year filled with tremendous adversity and hardship. As New York continues its slow return to ‘normalcy’ in the wake of COVID-19, The Legal Aid Society renews its commitment to partner with and fight alongside LGBTQ and LGBTQ BIPOC communities - communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic - in the battle against injustice and oppression.

This fight against state oppression and violence is not over, and our resistance to homophobia, transphobia, and trans-erasure and anti-LGBTQ hate will never be over. The Legal Aid Society will continue to honor this tradition of resistance in new and innovative ways to recognize and reinvigorate our commitment to protecting LGBTQ+ rights.”

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