

Welcoming WNC Procession 2019



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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Becoming Our Greatest Selves Together

Sep 28, 2019 – Asheville NC
10 am to 11 am (walkers gather at 9 am)



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On Saturday, September 28, we will kick off the Eleventh Annual Blue Ridge Pride Festival with a very special procession through the city of Asheville.

We want the world to know that the majority of people and organizations in western North Carolina aspire to be a community that is welcoming. This is a day for all who share a vision of welcome to make our aspirations heard.

Join us as we walk across the city and into the heart of the festival. We start gathering at 9 am across from 23 Grove Street. We will begin our procession at 10 am. Whether you are a business, a group, a congregation, community, family, or a pack of friends — join us on this half-mile walk. Wear your logo, carry a banner, make signs. Let the world know that, in WNC, we want to win with welcome.

The theme this year is **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Becoming Our Greatest Selves Together**. When we make one another feel welcome and valued, we enlarge our selves; we enrich our community. This procession is for everyone – not just members of the LGBTQ community. We seek a community where all are welcome to work, shop, and congregate as their authentic selves – regardless of their race, ethnicity, sex, disability, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion.



- **Who can walk?** Anyone who registers (within our permitted size).
- **What does it cost?** Nothing.
- **Do I have to be LGBTQ?** Absolutely not. We walk for inclusion for everyone in our community.
- **Do I need to register?** Only one person needs to register per organization, family or group of friends.

Want to know more? Get additional details on our procession page. Or contact Procession Director, Perry Martino, at procession@blueridgepride.org.