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**2011 LATINO LGBT PRIDE CELEBRATION- BOSTON & BEYOND
Events set for Wed. September 28 – Sun. October 2**

Boston, Ma. (September 12, 2011) Latino Pride, now a program of parent organization Boston Pride, is extremely proud to announce the calendar of events for the 2011 Latino LGBT Pride Celebration. Event and activities range from their annual Community Awards Reception and a panel discussion presented in collaboration with the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition to a Pageant at Fran's Place in Lynn and a Family picnic in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood.

Co-Chairs Marta Perrupato and Paul Carnes are steering the Latino Pride Committee and working closely with Keri Aulita, Deputy Director of Boston Pride, to produce the five-day series of events. Says Perrupato, "Our goal is to present a calendar of events that appeals to everyone. You want to dance, we have club nights. You want to talk about issues affecting our community, we have discussions. You want to spend the day with your family and eat some really good food, we're having a picnic."

Echoes Carnes, who is new to the Latino Pride Committee, "It's going to be a high-spirited, fun, friend and family-filled week."

The Community Awards Reception, a cornerstone of the Latino LGBT Pride Celebration, will take place on Saturday, October 1 at the Foundation Room on Lansdowne St. Tix \$50 at the door/\$35 in advance online at <http://www.bostonpride.org/support/donate>. Additionally, tickets for the Miss & Mister Latino Pride of Massachusetts Pageant are \$10 at the door. Proceeds from both events benefit Latino Pride. For full calendar, visit www.bostonpride.org/latinopride.

Boston Pride produces events and activities to achieve inclusivity, equality, respect, and awareness in Greater Boston and beyond. Fostering diversity, unity, visibility, and dignity, we educate, communicate, and advocate by building and strengthening community connections. To that end, the Boston and Latino Pride Committees merged in April 2011 with the goal of expanding Latino Pride's reach and bringing communities together.