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Greetings,

As Mayor of the City of Orlando, I'd like to welcome you to the 2018 Florida LGBT-Allies Diversity Summit in our City Beautiful.

Orlando is known worldwide for being a welcoming and inclusive city for everybody, regardless of gender, race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation and gender identity. Since my first day in office, we have preserved an inclusive government that fosters diversity by establishing local programs, ordinances and policies that benefit and protect the LGBTQ+ community, such as establishing the city's first Domestic Partnership Registry, adding Gender Identity as a protected class to our anti-discrimination policy, officiating a same-sex wedding ceremony at City Hall with the participation of more than 40 couples, hosting the Orlando Youth Empowerment Summit and more.

There is no doubt that Orlando is stronger because of our diversity and we commend the Florida Diversity Council for hosting this summit to provide our LGBTQ+ youth, leaders and allies with information, resources and tools to foster inclusion, a safe, welcoming environment and cultural competency.

I hope you enjoy the conference.

Sincerely,

Buddy Dyer  
Mayor