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To the Board of Directors of Pride Toronto –

The principal subject of discussion at the May meeting of The Board of Directors of Pink Triangle Press was the decision by Toronto Pride to ban the use of the phrase "Israeli Apartheid" from all Pride-related events.

The Board has authorized me to inform you that it has adopted the following resolution:

*Affirming --*

*That freedom of speech is a fundamental democratic freedom;*

*That freedom of speech has been the foundation of our communities' political and social progress since Canada's first national gay demonstration in 1971;*


*That Pink Triangle Press, having been tried and acquitted three times on charges of obscenity, has played a significant role in fighting for freedom of speech for our communities and for all Canadians;*

*That Toronto's Pride Day sprang from our communities' resistance to the bathhouse raids of 1981 and celebrates a political struggle for justice and freedom that has always been openly allied with other political struggles at home and around the world;*

*We call upon the Board of Directors of Pride Toronto to reverse your decision to ban the use of the phrase "Israeli Apartheid" at Pride events and to resist this attempt by politicians, funders and lobbyists to intimidate you and suppress our freedom.*

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

Sincerely,



Ken Popert, president & executive director