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Dear Federation of Gay Games,

We, Rocky Mountain Pride Bands (RMPB), are writing to provide formal support for Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games. RMPB aims to make music, build harmonious connections, and support our diverse queer community. We are a Colorado-based community band that is focused on building a musical collective that is a safe space to foster queer joy and collective liberation. Our goal is to promote a community of inclusion, transparency, healing, and empowerment. We are focused on areas north of Denver (Thornton, Longmont, Boulder) that are not currently served by any LGBTQ+ musical organizations.

RMPB has a strong commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. As a newly established LGBTQ+ organization (founded in 2023), we are intentionally designing our recruitment and membership supports to be welcoming and affirming of the diversity inherent in the LGBTQ+ community. Our first formal policies include a membership agreement and a mission statement that makes these commitments central and clear. Our founders have a strong background in supporting DEI efforts and have been leaders in other large organizations (U.S. Army and the University of Colorado Boulder) to improve the climate for historically marginalized and underrepresented groups. Our support of Gay Games XIII is a natural step in further demonstrating our public commitment to these principles.

Denver's central location within the United States, with non-stop flights to all fifty states and eighteen countries, along with its incredible cultural diversity make the city an ideal location for hosting the Gay Games. The city's vibrant music, theater, and arts scenes, along with world class dining options and proximity to attractions such as Red Rocks Amphitheater, Rocky Mountain National Park, and Garden of the Gods, make Denver the ideal location for hosting Gay Games XIII.

We are excited for the opportunity to collaborate with Gay Games XIII in Denver. It would present opportunities not only for RMPB, but for local, state, national and international LGBTQ+ communities. We look forward to working closely with the Denver Gay Games Bid committee in ensuring Gay Games XIII is a truly inclusive event with broad global reach.



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We are thrilled to support this bid and look forward to the opportunity to host this international event in Colorado.

Sincerely,

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