



# *One Orlando Digital Memorial*

**The One Orlando Collection Initiative** is a partnership between Orange County and the City of Orlando, established to preserve history and properly care for the many thousands of tribute items created in response to the tragic loss of life that occurred on June 12, 2016, at Pulse nightclub in Orlando when a gunman killed 49 people and injured 53 others.

This event is considered the deadliest mass shooting by a single gunman and the deadliest incident of violence against the LGBTQ community in modern United States history. Still under investigation by the FBI, the Pulse tragedy is also considered the deadliest terrorist attack in the nation since the September 11 attacks in 2001.

Since the tragedy, the Orange County Regional History Center has collected and preserved well over 2,500 items, including the 49 Pulse Crosses that were previously on display at Orlando Regional Medical Center. For the foreseeable future, the History Center will continue to catalogue, remove, and preserve tribute items from the various memorial sites throughout Central Florida. The History Center will serve as the repository and caretaker for the physical tribute items, which will continue to be collected and handled with great dignity.

The Orange County Regional History Center will also be collecting other items related to the Pulse tragedy, including photographs, digital memories, videos, oral histories, social media postings, artwork, and other remembrances, so these remembrances will be available for future generations.

To share a photo, memory, story or video, please contact the Orange County Regional History Center at [oneorlandocollection@ocfl.net](mailto:oneorlandocollection@ocfl.net). If you have created or personalized one of the featured memorial items, please share your story about it with us.

“We are so honored for Orange County’s History Center to serve as the permanent caretaker and curator of the extraordinary memorial items that have been created in tribute to the innocent souls who perished at Pulse. By cherishing these items, we honor the memory of all those impacted by this tragedy. By keeping history alive for future generations, we are showing the world that the Central Florida is a community in which diversity is viewed as a fundamental strength – a source of unity and celebration, not division. We are saying to the world that love wins, and that hate will not triumph.”  
– Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs