

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

Senators Moss, Brinks, Hollier, McCann, Bayer, McMorrow, Polehanki, Santana, Bullock, Wojno, Geiss, Alexander, Chang, Hertel, Irwin, Ananich, Stamas and Schmidt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize June 2021 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
2 Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month.

3 Whereas, Pride began 51 years ago in 1970 with the one-year
4 anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. In 1969, a black trans woman
5 named Marsha P. Johnson, along with other LGBTQ individuals, risked
6 their lives to protest the over-policing of the LGBTQ community and
7 the injustice that threatened their existence on a daily basis.
8 This multi-day protest became known as the Stonewall Riots and is
9 credited by many for starting the modern-day LGBTQ equality
10 movement; and

1 Whereas, The LGBTQ movement has endured through tragedy and
2 struggle, including the slow and insufficient government response
3 to assist those with HIV/AIDS and the ongoing effort today to
4 protect the rights of the LGBTQ community; and

5 Whereas, The movement has also celebrated victories of
6 recognition, especially the historic Obergefell decision in 2015
7 which affirmed marriage equality nationwide and the recent Bostock
8 decision in 2020 that upheld federal employment protections for the
9 LGBTQ community; and

10 Whereas, Everyone in Michigan benefits from the multiple
11 talents, viewpoints, and cultural backgrounds of all of its
12 residents and from preserving the freedom, worth, and dignity of
13 those in the LGBTQ community; and

14 Whereas, Michigan should expend all efforts to attract and
15 retain talent and signal to the nation we are welcoming to all
16 those who wish to contribute to the economic vitality of our state;
17 and

18 Whereas, The people of Michigan understand, appreciate, and
19 value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ
20 communities to the greater community of the state, and affirm a
21 celebration of love, living authentically, and accepting ourselves;
22 and

23 Whereas, June is recognized and celebrated as LGBTQ Pride
24 Month throughout the country and worldwide; now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
26 body recognize June 2021 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,
27 and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month.