

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 322

Rep. Sneller offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize June 28-July 3, 2022, as Lesbian,
2 Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Week in the
3 state of Michigan.

4 Whereas, Pride began 52 years ago in 1970 with the one year
5 anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. In 1969, a black trans woman
6 named Marsha P. Johnson, along with other LGBTQ individuals, risked
7 their lives to protest the over-policing of the LGBTQ community and
8 the injustice that threatened their existence on a daily basis.
9 This multi-day protest became known as the Stonewall Riots and is
10 credited by many for starting the modern-day LGBTQ equality
11 movement; and

12 Whereas, The LGBTQ movement has endured through tragedy and
13 struggle, including the slow and insufficient government response

1 to assist those with HIV/AIDS and the ongoing effort today to
2 protect the rights of the LGBTQ community; and

3 Whereas, The movement has also celebrated victories of
4 recognition, especially the historic *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision
5 in 2015 which affirmed marriage equality nationwide and the recent
6 *Bostock v. Clayton County* decision in 2020 that upheld federal
7 employment protections for the LGBTQ community; and

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

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

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

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
22 this legislative body recognize June 28-July 3, 2022, as Lesbian,
23 Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Week in the
24 state of Michigan.