

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

Reps. Dievendorf, Andrews, Arbit, Brabec, Breen, Brixie, Byrnes, Brenda Carter, Tyrone Carter, Churches, Coffia, Conlin, Edwards, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Grant, Haadsma, Hill, Hood, Hope, Hoskins, Koleszar, Liberati, MacDonell, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Miller, Morse, Neeley, O'Neal, Pohutsky, Price, Puri, Rheingans, Rogers, Scott, Shannon, Skaggs, Snyder, Steckloff, Stone, Tsernoglou, Wegela and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,  
2 Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month in the state of  
3 Michigan.

4           Whereas, Pride began in 1970 with the one year anniversary of  
5 the Stonewall Riots, a multi-day protest that is credited by many  
6 for starting the modern-day LGBTQ+ movement. In 1969, LGBTQ+  
7 individuals, led by the efforts of Black and Brown trans women such

1 as activists Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, risked their  
2 lives to protest the over-policing and injustice that threatened  
3 their existence daily, and elevated the visibility of the movement  
4 to a national scale; and

5       Whereas, The LGBTQ+ community has persevered through tragedies  
6 and struggles, such as the government's insufficient and delayed  
7 response to assisting those with HIV/AIDS and the ongoing effort to  
8 protect the rights and ensure the safety of the LGBTQ+ community;  
9 and

10       Whereas, The movement has also celebrated victories of  
11 recognition, especially the historic *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision  
12 in 2015 which recognized marriage equality nationwide, the *Bostock*  
13 *v. Clayton County* decision in 2020 that upheld federal employment  
14 protections for the LGBTQ+ community, and *Rouch World v. Department*  
15 *of Civil Rights* in 2022 that affirmed LGBTQ+ protections are  
16 included in Michigan's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act; and

17       Whereas, After a fifty-year legislative effort, the Michigan  
18 House and Senate in its 102nd Legislature at long last added sexual  
19 orientation and gender identity or expression as protected classes  
20 in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which was signed into law  
21 as Public Act 6 of 2023; and

22       Whereas, Still today, the LGBTQ+ community, and  
23 disproportionately trans women of color, continue to be a target of  
24 harassment, violence, and discrimination, yet through community  
25 support and solidarity continues to celebrate love, authentic  
26 living, and self-acceptance; and

27       Whereas, Michigan stands out in this watershed moment as a  
28 state that embraces equality because our communities benefit from  
29 diversity and variety in viewpoints, talents, and cultural

1 perspectives of its residents and from preserving the freedom,  
2 worth, and dignity of those in the LGBTQ+ community; and

3       Whereas, Michigan should expend all efforts to attract and  
4 retain talent and signal to the nation we are welcoming to all  
5 those who wish to contribute to the economic vitality of our state;  
6 and

7       Whereas, The people of Michigan understand, appreciate, and  
8 value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ+  
9 communities to the larger success of the state, and affirm a  
10 celebration of love, living authentically, and accepting ourselves;  
11 and

12       Whereas, Michigan commits to the learning, humility and work  
13 necessary to make the state fair, safe, equitable and a refuge of  
14 stability regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or  
15 expression; and

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

18       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
19 this legislative body declare June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,  
20 Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month in the state of  
21 Michigan.