

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

Rep. Dievendorf 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
8 as activists Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, risked their
9 lives to protest the over-policing and injustice that threatened
10 their existence daily, and elevated the visibility of the movement
11 to a national scale; and

12 Whereas, The LGBTQ+ community has persevered through tragedies
13 and struggles, such as the government's insufficient and delayed

1 response to assisting those with HIV/AIDS and the ongoing effort to
2 protect the rights and ensure the safety of the LGBTQ+ community;
3 and

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

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

16 Whereas, Still today, the LGBTQ+ community, and
17 disproportionately trans women of color, continue to be a target of
18 harassment, violence, and discrimination, yet through community
19 support and solidarity continues to celebrate love, authentic
20 living, and self-acceptance; and

21 Whereas, Michigan stands out in this watershed moment as a
22 state that embraces equality because our communities benefit from
23 diversity and variety in viewpoints, talents, and cultural
24 perspectives of its residents and from preserving the freedom,
25 worth, and dignity of those in the LGBTQ+ community; and

26 Whereas, Michigan should expend all efforts to attract and
27 retain talent and signal to the nation we are welcoming to all
28 those who wish to contribute to the economic vitality of our state;
29 and

1 Whereas, The people of Michigan understand, appreciate, and
2 value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ+
3 communities to the larger success of the state, and affirm a
4 celebration of love, living authentically, and accepting ourselves;
5 and

6 Whereas, Michigan commits to the learning, humility and work
7 necessary to make the state fair, safe, equitable and a refuge of
8 stability regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or
9 expression; and

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

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