

The City of Holland, Michigan



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Holland cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, all are welcome in the City of Holland to live, work, and play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, in passing City Ordinance 1784, the City of Holland provides protection of the rights of all persons against discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations or public services based on age, race, national origin, color, disability, education, familial status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, height, marital status, religion, source of income, or weight; and

WHEREAS, the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQ+ and allied friends rose up and fought against police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional led to the creation of Pride month in June of 1970; and

WHEREAS, we value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ+ community and advocate organizations like Out On The Lakeshore and the Holland/Lakeshore PFLAG, our first lakeshore organization to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people, their parents and families, and allies; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love. They continue to contribute to the life of the community; and

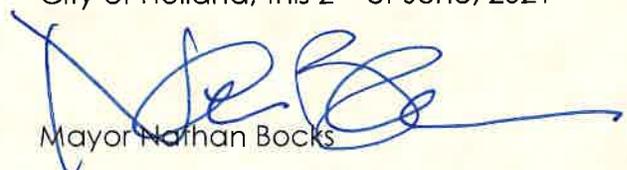
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, proclaim the month of

June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month

We urge residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice for all and encourage participation in community events to show support for the LGBTQ+ community during the month of June.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, this 2nd of June, 2021


Mayor Nathan Bocks