

# The City of Holland, Michigan



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, nationwide, individuals who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, or Asexual (LGBTQIA+) celebrate Pride Month each June; and

WHEREAS, this month commemorates the events that took place more than 50 years ago at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan, New York, on June 28, 1969, and is often viewed as the beginning of the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Americans have achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations of people in the United States will enjoy a more equal and just society; and

WHEREAS, despite extraordinary progress, LGBTQIA+ Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are; and

WHEREAS, the City of Holland cherishes the value and dignity of each person and is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; 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, we value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community and acknowledge the work of Out on the Lakeshore and the PFLAG Holland/Lakeshore, our first lakeshore organization to support LGBTQIA+ 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.

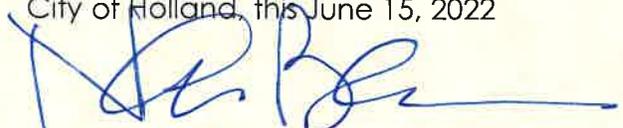
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, proclaim the month of

June as LGBTQIA+ PRIDE Month

We urge residents to actively promote the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging for all and encourage participation in the annual PRIDE event on June 25, 2022, and other community events to show support for the LGBTQIA+ community during the month of June.



Given under my hand and the seal of the  
City of Holland, this June 15, 2022

  
Mayor Nathan Bocks