

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, the month of June was chosen to commemorate the events that took place more than 50 years ago at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan, New York, on June 28, 1969; 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; and

WHEREAS, in passing City Ordinance 1784, the City 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, on March 16, 2023, the state of Michigan followed, also expanding the Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act to prohibit discriminatory practices, policies, and customs in the exercise of those rights based upon **sexual orientation, gender identity**, and **gender expression**; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all people in our community, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City to promote universal opportunity, access and belonging for all those we serve, and for those that find themselves in our community; and

WHEREAS, we value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community and organizations like Out on the Lakeshore and the PFLAG Holland/Lakeshore, our first lakeshore organization to support LGBTQIA+ people, their parents and families, and allies.

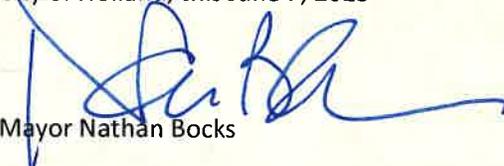
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, proclaim the month of

June as PRIDE Month

We urge residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQIA+ community and actively promote the principles of liberty and justice for all and encourage participation in 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 7, 2023


Mayor Nathan Bocks