

# The City of Holland, Michigan



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, faith is an integral part of American life and the residents of Holland represent faith traditions from every part of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the founder of Holland, Revered Albertus Van Raalte and the community of Dutch Calvinist separatists came to Holland for a better way of life and to fully express their faith; and

**WHEREAS**, the individual freedom to express our faith is a cornerstone of our great nation and protected under the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the freedom to express our faith has helped create and sustain our city, state, and nation with religious vitality and diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, persons of every faith from every corner of the world, continue to seek better lives and freedom to worship free from persecution here in Holland; and

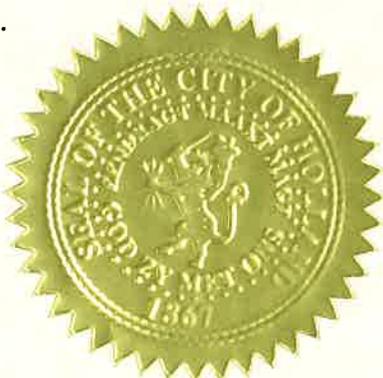
**WHEREAS**, people of faith find hope in their traditions in times of crisis and uncertainty; and

**WHEREAS**, as a city we acknowledge the tradition and strength of each person's faith as we make decisions for today and the future to strengthen and grow our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

### Faith Month

We encourage all people of faith to observe, reaffirm, and celebrate the religious diversity of our great nation, to worship in their own tradition, seeking truth and strength from God to face the problems of today and give thanks for the access and opportunity to worship, pray, meditate, and practice their faith in their own manner. We invite members of our community to gather as they choose to pray and meditate for our national, state, and local government leaders and for wisdom to lead Holland on the paths of justice, peace and goodwill for all people.



Given under my hand and the seal of the  
City of Holland, this 10th of April 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nathan Bocks", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayor Nathan Bocks