

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, Reverend Albertus Van Raalte and the community of Dutch Calvinist separatists who came to Holland for a better way of life and to fully express their faith; and

WHEREAS, we recognize 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 individual faith traditions has helped create and sustain our city, state, and nation with vitality and diversity; and

WHEREAS, people 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 other parts of our nation; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 2025 as

Faith Month

We encourage residents of every faith tradition 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 tradition in their own manner. We invite members of our community to gather as they choose to pray 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 2nd day of April 2025

Mayor Nathan Bocks