

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.281

Reps. Hoadley, Brenda Carter, Anthony, Clemente, Stone, Pohutsky, Yancey, Wittenberg, Witwer, Guerra, Warren, Lasinski, Ellison, Hood, Brixie, Hertel, Elder, Cherry, Chirkun, Liberati, Tyrone Carter, Manoogian, Tate, Hope, Hammoud, Koleszar, Byrd, LaGrand, Kuppa, Pagan, Haadsma, Cambensy, Kennedy, Cynthia Neeley, Sabo, Coleman, Bolden, Greig, Garza, Camilleri, Love, Cynthia Johnson, Sowerby, Garrett, Shannon and Brann offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize June 2020 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
2 Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month in the state of
3 Michigan.

4 Whereas, Pride began 50 years ago in 1970 with the one-year
5 anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. In 1969, a black trans woman
6 named Marsha P. Johnson, along with other LGBTQ individuals, risked



1 their lives to protest the over-policing of the LGBTQ community and
2 the injustice that threatened their existence on a daily basis.
3 This multi-day protest became known as the Stonewall Riots and is
4 credited by many for starting the modern-day LGBTQ equality
5 movement; and

6 Whereas, That movement has marked by tragedy, especially the
7 slow and insufficient government response to assist those with
8 HIV/AIDS; by celebration, including the historic Obergefell Supreme
9 Court decision in 2015 which affirmed marriage equality nationwide;
10 and by struggle, notably the ongoing effort to include
11 discrimination protections for the LGBTQ community in state and
12 federal law; and

13 Whereas, Michigan's LGBTQ community is not protected from
14 discrimination in housing, employment, or public accommodation. The
15 decades-old push to include sexual orientation, gender identity,
16 and gender expression among the existing protected classes in the
17 Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act has never been put up for a vote in
18 the Legislature; and

19 Whereas, Everyone in Michigan benefits from the multiple
20 talents, viewpoints, and cultural backgrounds of all of its
21 residents. Expanding the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act would
22 preserve the freedom, worth, and dignity of those in the LGBTQ
23 community from people who seek to do them harm; and

24 Whereas, Michigan should expend all efforts to attract and
25 retain talent. Amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act would
26 signal to the nation we are welcoming to those who wish to
27 contribute to the economic vitality of our state; and

28 Whereas, The people of Michigan understand, appreciate, and
29 value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ

1 communities to the greater community of the state, and affirm a
2 celebration of love, living authentically, and accepting ourselves;
3 and

4 Whereas, June is recognized and celebrated as LGBTQ Pride
5 Month throughout the country and worldwide; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body recognize June 2020 as Lesbian, Gay,
8 Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month in the state
9 of Michigan.