MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 60

Offered by Senators Moss, Brinks, Hollier, McCann, Bayer, McMorrow, Polehanki, Santana, Bullock, Wojno, Geiss, Alexander, Chang, Hertel, Irwin, Ananich, Stamas and Schmidt

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JUNE 2021 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, Pride began 51 years ago in 1970 with the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. In 1969, a black trans woman named Marsha P. Johnson, along with other LGBTQ individuals, risked their lives to protest the over-policing of the LGBTQ community and the injustice that threatened their existence on a daily basis. This multi-day protest became known as the Stonewall Riots and is credited by many for starting the modern-day LGBTQ equality movement; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQ movement has endured through tragedy and struggle, including the slow and insufficient government response to assist those with HIV/AIDS and the ongoing effort today to protect the rights of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, The movement has also celebrated victories of recognition, especially the historic Obergefell decision in 2015 which affirmed marriage equality nationwide and the recent Bostock decision in 2020 that upheld federal employment protections for the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, Everyone in Michigan benefits from the multiple talents, viewpoints, and cultural backgrounds of all of its residents and from preserving the freedom, worth, and dignity of those in the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, Michigan should expend all efforts to attract and retain talent and signal to the nation we are welcoming to all those who wish to contribute to the economic vitality of our state; and

WHEREAS, The people of Michigan understand, appreciate, and value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ communities to the greater community of the state, and affirm a celebration of love, living authentically, and accepting ourselves; and

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body recognize June 2021 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month.

Adopted by the Senate, June 3, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate