

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

Senators Moss, Brinks, Chang, Cherry, Hertel, McMorrow, Polehanki and Shink offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
2 Transgender, Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

3 Whereas, Pride began in 1970 with the one year anniversary of
4 the Stonewall Riots, a multi-day protest that is credited by many
5 for starting the modern-day LGBTQ+ movement. In 1969, LGBTQ+
6 individuals, led by the efforts of Black and Brown trans women such
7 as activists Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, risked their
8 lives to protest the over-policing and injustice that threatened
9 their existence on a daily basis, and elevated the visibility of
10 the movement to a national scale; and

11 Whereas, The LGBTQ+ community has persevered through tragedies

1 and struggles, such as the government's insufficient and delayed
2 response to assisting those with HIV/AIDS and the ongoing effort to
3 protect the rights and ensure the safety of the LGBTQ+ community;
4 and

5 Whereas, The movement has also celebrated victories of
6 recognition, especially the historic *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision
7 in 2015 which recognized marriage equality nationwide, the *Bostock*
8 *v. Clayton County* decision in 2020 that upheld federal employment
9 protections for the LGBTQ+ community, and *Rouch World v. Department*
10 *of Civil Rights* in 2022 that affirmed LGBTQ+ protections are
11 included in Michigan's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act; and

12 Whereas, After a fifty year legislative effort, the Michigan
13 House and Senate in its 102nd Legislature, at long last, added
14 sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as protected
15 classes in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which was signed
16 into law as Public Act 6 of 2023; and

17 Whereas, Still today, LGBTQ+ individuals, especially a
18 disproportionate number of trans women of color, continue to be a
19 target of harassment, violence, and discrimination, yet through
20 community support and solidarity continue to celebrate love,
21 authentic living, and self-acceptance; and

22 Whereas, Michigan stands out in this watershed moment as a
23 state that embraces equality because our communities benefit from
24 diversity and variety in viewpoints, talents, and cultural
25 perspectives of its residents and from preserving the freedom,
26 worth, and dignity of those in the LGBTQ+ community; and

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

1 and

2 Whereas, The people of Michigan understand, appreciate, and
3 value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ+
4 community to the larger success of the state, and commit to the
5 learning, humility, and work necessary to make the state fair,
6 safe, equitable, and a refuge of stability regardless of sexual
7 orientation, gender identity, or expression; and

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

10 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
11 body recognize June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,
12 Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.