

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.123

Senators Moss, Irwin, Santana, McMorrow, Polehanki, Bayer, Brinks, Hertel, Chang, Bullock, Alexander, Wojno, McCann, Geiss, Ananich and Hollier offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize June 2020 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
2 Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month.

3 Whereas, LGBTQ pride began 50 years ago in 1970 with the one-
4 year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. In 1969, a black
5 transgender woman named Marsha P. Johnson, along with other LGBTQ
6 individuals, risked their lives to protest the over-policing of the
7 LGBTQ community and the injustice that threatened their existence
8 on a daily basis; and

9 Whereas, The LGBTQ movement has been marked by tragedy,
10 especially the slow and insufficient government response to assist

1 those with HIV/AIDS; and

2 Whereas, Michigan's LGBTQ community is not currently protected
3 from discrimination in housing, employment, or public
4 accommodation; and

5 Whereas, The push to include sexual orientation, gender
6 identity, and gender expression among the existing protected
7 classes in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act has never been put
8 up for a vote in the Michigan Legislature; and

9 Whereas, Michigan should expend all efforts to attract and
10 retain talent, and amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act
11 would signal to the nation we are welcoming to those who wish to
12 contribute to the economic vitality of our state; and

13 Whereas, Expanding the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act would
14 preserve the freedom, worth, and dignity of those in the LGBTQ
15 community from people who seek to do them harm; and

16 Whereas, Everyone benefits from the multiple talents,
17 viewpoints, and cultural backgrounds of all of its citizens; and

18 Whereas, We firmly believe in a society that values the
19 freedom, worth, and dignity of each human being; and

20 Whereas, In 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States
21 historically affirmed marriage equality nationwide in *Obergefell v.*
22 *Hodges*; and

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

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

1 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
2 body recognize June 2020 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,
3 and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month.