



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING JUNE 2023 PRIDE MONTH IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY

WHEREAS, June 2023 marks the 54 year anniversary for the Stonewall Uprising;

WHEREAS, The Stonewall uprising has led to the commemoration of June as LGBTQIA+ pride month;

WHEREAS, OutFront Kalamazoo has served the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community of Southwest Michigan for the past 30 years;

WHEREAS, During that time, the LGBTQIA+ community has grown, in the face of adversity, to become a more safe, welcome, and visible part of the citizenry of Kalamazoo County;

WHEREAS, The people of Kalamazoo, including the City of Kalamazoo, City of Portage, Kalamazoo Township, and Oshtemo Township, have actively supported their LGBTQIA+ neighbors through a growing number of Human Rights Ordinances that protect people from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in housing, employment, and public accommodations;

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County accepts that full equality for the LGBTQIA+ community has nevertheless yet to be realized, and continues to strive toward the end of LGBTQIA+ homelessness in Kalamazoo, the end of LGBTQIA+ teen suicide and bullying in our society, and to the end of isolated and harassed LGBTQIA+ elders in our nursing homes and assisted living facilities, among so much more;

WHEREAS, OutFront Kalamazoo continues providing to LGBTQIA+ and Ally community members in need the access to resources necessary to help *all* people of our community be happy, healthy, and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County and OutFront Kalamazoo celebrate the diversity of all sexual orientations and gender identities, embrace the county's principal of treating citizens with dignity, honesty, respect and fairness, and promote a community where everyone can love who they are; now, therefore be it

Proclaimed, That the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes June 2023 as Pride Month in Kalamazoo County and encourages all Kalamazoo County residents to recognize and support OutFront Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Pride for strengthening our community.

Adopted: May 16, 2023

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Seconded

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Roll Call Vote: Yes (8): Deleeuw, Gisler, Heppler, Morales, Rey, Strebs, Taylor, Wheeler; No (1): Mazer; Abstains (0): None; Absent (0): None.



John Taylor, Chair
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO

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I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at the meeting held on 16th day of May, 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 17th Day of May, 2023.



Meredith Place
County Clerk/Register of Deeds