



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

June 2022 as Pride Month In Kalamazoo County

WHEREAS, June 2022 marks the 53 year anniversary for the Stonewall Uprising,

WHEREAS, the Stonewall uprising has led to the commemoration of June as LGBTQ pride month.

WHEREAS, OutFront Kalamazoo has served the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community of Southwest Michigan for the past 30 years; and,

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

WHEREAS, the people of Kalamazoo, including the City of Kalamazoo, City of Portage, Kalamazoo Township, and Oshtemo Township, have actively supported their LGBT 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; and,

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

WHEREAS, OutFront Kalamazoo continues providing to LGBT 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes June 2022 to be LGBT Pride Month in Kalamazoo County and encourages all Kalamazoo County residents to recognize and support OutFront Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Pride for strengthening our community.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Proclamation adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on May 17, 2022.

Meredith Place
County Clerk/Register of Deeds