

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE AS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH IN PITTSFIELD
CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

JUNE 8, 2022

WHEREAS, Pittsfield Township supports the rights of every citizen to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, all people regardless of age, gender identity, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical challenges have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

WHEREAS, Pittsfield Township welcomes and celebrates people of diverse backgrounds and believes that it is this very diversity that has allowed our community to become one of the most desirable places to live, work, and recreate in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) communities contribute to the cultural, civic, and economic successes of Pittsfield Township; and

WHEREAS, while we as a society at large are slowly embracing new definitions of sexuality and gender we must also acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, the Progress Flag provides greater inclusivity by featuring an arrow atop the original Pride Flag that contains black and brown lines representing people of color, and blue, pink, and white lines representing the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, to acknowledge the efforts to bring awareness to the continuing evolution to the LGBTQ+ Pride movement, Pittsfield Township flies the Progress Flag in front of Township Hall for the month of June, representing life, healing, sunlight, nature, peace, and spirit, and progress,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Pittsfield Charter Township hereby proclaims June as Pride Month and encourages residents to reflect on the struggle the LGBTQIA+ community faces while also celebrating their contributions that enhance the quality of life for all in our Township.

Mandy Grewal, Supervisor
Pittsfield Charter Township

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