

Rep. Sneller offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 133.

A resolution to declare June 2017 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Michigan and our nation strive to promote the principles of equality and justice, and the inalienable rights of all people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, Michigan is a state that is rich in diversity and community and believes in a society that values the freedom, worth, and dignity of each human being; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan is fortunate to be home to at least 300,000 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender residents; and

Whereas, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people have made important and lasting contributions to our great state and nation in every field of endeavor. These sectors include but are not limited to business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, sports, arts, and culture, that enrich our life; and

Whereas, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people and eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

Whereas, We must teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences, and to recognize the common good in all of us in order to achieve a just and fair society; and

Whereas, Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan. The Stonewall riots were a tipping point for the gay liberation movement in the United States; and

Whereas, Communities throughout Michigan and our nation will celebrate Pride Month by hosting events to celebrate the LGBT community throughout the month of June; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 2017 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month in the state of Michigan. We urge all residents to join in celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourage the people of Michigan to work to help advance the cause of equality for all.