



Proclamation Designating June as LGBTQ Pride Month

Whereas, the City of Jackson 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, gender identity, or physical challenges have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

Whereas, in support of the city's commitment the Jackson Non-Discrimination Ordinance was approved by City Council on February 8, 2017 making these rights the law of the city; and

Whereas, the City of Jackson accepts and welcomes people of diverse backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

Whereas, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) communities contribute to the cultural, civic and economic successes of the City of Jackson; and

Whereas, while we acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I, Mayor Dobies hereby proclaim June 2020 as LGBTQ Pride Month in Jackson, Michigan and encourage our residents to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality members of the LGBTQ community face and celebrate their contributions that enhance our city.

Derek J. Dobies
Mayor, City of Jackson
June 1, 2020