

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2022 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER,
AND QUEER (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH IN MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 7th day of June, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson

ABSENT: Clerk Guthrie, Trustee Wisinski

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to an estimated 373,000 residents who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+); and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's LGBTQ+ residents contribute to the fabric of our society, hold positions in every sector of our economy, and live in every corner of our state; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan has been at the forefront of advancing civil rights for LGBTQ+ people beginning with the nation's first non-discrimination ordinance passed in 1972 in East Lansing and the nation's first Civil Rights Commission to independently recognize that discrimination "because of sex" includes sexual orientation and gender identity in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, At a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 16th day of September, 2003 the Meridian Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to amend the policy of the Meridian Township Police Department to respect and protect the dignity and constitutional rights of **ALL** persons, and to perform its law enforcement functions in a manner that does not violate those rights; and,

WHEREAS, On the 8th day of May, 2013, Officials from East Lansing, Meridian Township, Delhi Township and Delta Township launched the One Capitol Region coalition at a press conference at the state Capitol announcing plans to push for LGBT nondiscrimination ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, At a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 10th day of July, 2013 the Meridian Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to amend their internal policies to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity; and,

WHEREAS, At a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 2nd day of October, 2013 the Meridian Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to amend the Meridian Township human rights ordinance to prohibit discrimination in housing and public accommodations; and,

WHEREAS, despite local non-discrimination protections and recent protections extended by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, there exists no state or federal anti-discrimination laws to protect LGBTQ+ individuals from being fired, denied housing, or refused service; and,

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, LGBTQ+ individuals and communities have faced unique challenges, including higher rates of self-reported underlying health conditions,

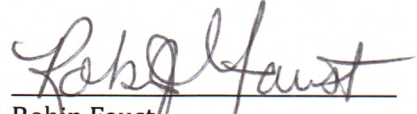
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I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and activng clerk of the Tpownship Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY tht the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 7th day of June 2022.


Robin Faust
Meridian Township Deputy Clerk

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