



Resolution Supporting Fair and Equal Michigan

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, learn, work, play, build a business and raise a family; and,

WHEREAS, Marquette recognizes the importance of equality and freedom; and,

WHEREAS, the nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes that every person has been created equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; and,

WHEREAS, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersexual, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community in the City of Marquette and the State of Michigan are a vital part of all fields and professions and contribute to a stronger community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its residents and preventing discrimination, harassment, and bullying based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our city; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in the community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette has previously adopted and codified protections from discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental disability, family status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Marquette, hereby proclaim and affirm their support for the Fair and Equal Michigan ballot initiative campaign to amend the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1976 to include protections for gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2020.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor