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## **Westland Declares June 2021 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month**

**Westland, MI (June 8, 2021)** – On Monday, June 8, the Westland City Council is expected to pass a resolution declaring June 2021 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in the City of Westland.

Pride month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQIA+ and allied friends rose up and fought against the constant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional.

The City of Westland denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles. Back in 2017, the City Council adopted a comprehensive anti-discrimination ordinance and in August of 2020 and also adopted a resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis.

On Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., Westland will raise the rainbow pride flag in front of City Hall to commemorate Pride month. "This is a symbol of the City's unity, strength and solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ community", stated Mayor William R. Wild.

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Westland, Michigan is the state's 10<sup>th</sup> largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland shopping Center, one of the country's original four

regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts. Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to “cut the red tape” and expedite the approval process for new business development.