

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH BY THE BOARD OF SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (SCCMHA), HERETOFORE REFERENCED AS “THE BOARD”. CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH FOR THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX, AND/OR ASEXUAL (LGBTQIA) COMMUNITY.**

Whereas others before us have taken a stand against the harassment, discrimination, suffering and mistreatment of people in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and/or Asexual (LGBTQIA) community and

Whereas, throughout much of the history of the United States, relationships of same sex couples were criminalized and many LGBTQIA people were forced to hide their identities and

Whereas the mental health field has historically contributed to marginalizing the LGBTQIA community by ascribing their identities to illnesses rather than embracing the diversity of gender identity and expression and

Whereas there is a persistent failure of the overall community to provide a safe haven to the LGBTQIA community and

Whereas disparities in employment, healthcare, education, housing, and many other areas central to pursuing happiness often preside for the LGBTQIA community and

Whereas the LGBTQIA community are at greater risk of homelessness, bullying, human trafficking, increased health risks, depression, anxiety, and suicide

Whereas historically the month of June is celebrated as Pride Month due to the demonstrators who protest in June of 1969, following a law enforcement raid of the Stonewall Inn, an LGBTQIA club in New York City, are pioneers of the LGBTQIA movement for equality and

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, in June, 2021 The Board –*

Will uphold the cultural competence of our workforce and will not allow discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression and

Will support the freedoms, rights, and equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and/or asexual (referred to in this resolution as LGBTQIA) community and

Will acknowledge that LGBTQIA rights are human rights that are to be protected by The Board and

Will support efforts to ensure the equal treatment of all people in our community and

Will support the efforts to ensure that SCCMHA is a beacon of hope for the equal treatment of all people in our community and

Will encourage all to learn about the discrimination and inequality the LGBTQIA community has endured and

Will encourage the celebration of June as LGBTQIA Pride Month in order to provide a lasting opportunity for all people in our community

  
Tracey Raquepaw, SCCMHA Board Chair

7-12-2021  
Date

  
Steve Fresorger, SCCMHA Secretary

7-15-2021  
Date