



City of Grand Rapids  
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

GERALD R. HELMHOLDT  
MAYOR

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Mr. Bryan Ribbens, President  
Lesbian and Gay Community Network  
of Western Michigan  
P.O. Box 6527  
Grand Rapids, MI 49516

Dear Mr. Ribbens:

Regarding your letter requesting a proclamation, I made my position quite clear last year on issuing a proclamation for Gay Pride Week. My position has not changed, and in fact, has been reinforced by hundreds of letters and phone calls of support of my decision.

I do believe in your constitutional right to meet and speak your viewpoint. I will ask City staff to cooperate and assist you with your meeting on June 18 at the Monroe Mall Amphitheater.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Helmholdt  
MAYOR

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