# Diversity





### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Creating safe spaces for ALL as we welcome, celebrate and value our differences. We strive to listen, understand and learn from one another to grow personally and enhance our community.

"Diversity doesn't look like anyone. It looks like everyone."

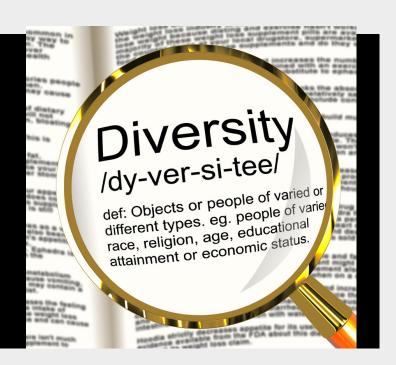
-Karen Draper

"To be beautiful means to be yourself. You don't need to be accepted by others. You need to accept yourself."

-Thich Nhat Hanh

#### **UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS**

- MAY: ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN MONTH
- MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
- 5/5: CINCO DE MAYO
- 5/21: WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY
- 5/27: MEMORIAL DAY
- IUNE: CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
- 6/11: SHAVUOT
- 6/16: EID AL-ADHA
- 6/19: JUNETEENTH
- 6/21: NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **Festival Del Cinco De Mayo**

The Mexican Heritage Assocation of West Michigan presents a culturally immersive Cinco de Mayo festival celebrating Mexico's independence. Enjoy music, food trucks, arts & crafts and more on Saturday, May 4 from 10-10 at Rosa Parks Circle.

#### **Tulip Time Festival 2024**

The annual Tulip Time Festival kicks off on Saturday, May 4 in Holland. The festival is an eight-day experience celebrating Dutch heritage with more than six million tulips blooming throughout the city.

## African American Arts & Music Festival

Check out the African American Arts and Music Festival on Sunday, May 19 at Garfield Park. This free festival celebrates art, music, culture and people, and reflects the many aspects of our diverse community

#### **Asian-Pacific Festival**

The Grand Rapids Asian-Pacific Foundation presents a family-friendly celebration of all things Asian-Pacific, including food, entertainment, and more. This free event is taking place at Calder Plaza on June 14-16.

#### Justice 4 All Juneteenth Jam

This will be the 4th annual Juneteenth Jam for the city of Grand Rapids on Wednesday, June 19 from 4-10pm at Calder Plaza. It's a free event to celebrate black art, entertainment, culture and experience!



Diversity is Beautiful What makes **YOU** unique, makes **US** strong!