

Rep. LaFontaine offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 135.

A resolution to declare September 7-13, 2015, as Conservation Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives has seen great value in the proper conservation of our natural resources, taking the charge and specifically providing to the Legislature in Article IV, Section 52 of the Michigan Constitution the following:

"The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the people. The legislature shall provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction."

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Whereas, The care and proper management of our natural resources are essential to the quality of life and the future of all Michiganders as well as to Michigan's economy. The Pure Michigan campaign is centered around unique and diverse natural resources the state of Michigan has to offer; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan offers more than 3,200 miles of freshwater coastline and more than 11,000 inland lakes that provide residents and nonresidents access to aquatic activities. These activities rely heavily on clean water and a strong aquatic ecosystem; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has more than 100 state parks and thousands of miles of trails that provides the public with opportunities to experience Pure Michigan firsthand. Maintaining Michigan's picturesque scenery and supporting the abundant wildlife will ensure future generations can enjoy Michigan's natural resources; and

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature has taken steps to protect and preserve these natural resources. It is the responsibility of every individual to do their part and protect what everyone loves about the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Over a century of conservation has led to the restoration of Michigan's forests and other wildlife and fisheries habitats and led to a strong forest products industry and nationally recognized fishing and hunting opportunities; and

Whereas, Every plant, animal, and human being relies upon natural resources for their survival. We must bring awareness to conservation activities and to the important role they play in supporting our ecosystem; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 7-13, 2015, as Conservation Week in the state of Michigan. During this week, measures will be taken to educate the public and create awareness for conservation activities to help protect Michigan's natural resources; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.