

Rep. Love offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 171.

A resolution to declare November 2015 as Gratitude Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The month of November holds national holidays such as Thanksgiving and Veterans Day. These two federal holidays both have a binding commonality as they both bring to the collective memory of our nation the consideration of the gift of sacrifice and its impact on others; and

Whereas, We honor our veterans in the month of November and are thankful for all of their past and future sacrifices. In this month of thanksgiving, we contemplate the untold heroics of our veterans that have allowed us to have the freedom and blessings that we experience today; these sacrifices can never be repaid. They have been a priceless gift to all of the citizens of this great state and the United States of America; and

Whereas, Thanksgiving is a time of enjoyment and reflection which is often overlooked. It's labeled a shopping holiday when reflection on what we are most grateful for is warranted. Thanksgiving Day is a day when families gather and remember to be thankful for what we have been blessed to receive. We are thankful for our families, friends, and community. We are grateful for our jobs and homes and the freedoms that have been graciously bestowed upon us; and

Whereas, With beautiful landscape and great citizens, we have much to be thankful for in this state. We are surrounded by the largest fresh water system in the world. The citizens of this state are world renown and the innovations that have been launched from within these borders have made us proud to be citizens of Michigan. We are grateful to move, live, and have our being in the shadow of those great men and women who have walked this path before us; and

Whereas, The state legislature is grateful for the trust and faith the citizens of Michigan have in this institution. We show gratitude for many reasons, not the least of which science has demonstrated that showing gratitude improves both physical and psychological health which is the foundation of our lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of legislative body declare November 2015 as Gratitude Month in the state of Michigan. We express our gratitude to the constituents of this great state.