

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.196

Reps. Manoogian, Camilleri, Wittenberg, Guerra, Tyrone Carter, Hammoud, Pagan, Lasinski and Brixie offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to memorialize the U.S. Congress to adopt  
2 Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November,  
3 as a national holiday.

4       Whereas, Voting is the cornerstone of our democratic republic.  
5 Through voting, we elect leaders and lawmakers; make public policy  
6 decisions; and express opinions at the national, state, and local  
7 levels. Respecting and championing the vote is central to  
8 maintaining the highest ideals of the United States—liberty,  
9 justice, and equality; and

10       Whereas, As a momentous part of our nation and identity,  
11 voting deserves to be celebrated and encouraged through a national  
12 holiday. The country has many distinct days that honor great people



1 and events, which are appropriately distinguished as national  
2 holidays. However, there is not a national holiday specifically  
3 centered on voting and its significance to our society and its  
4 founding principles; and

5       Whereas, A national holiday designation would ease obstacles  
6 to voting and increase election participation. Voter turnout is  
7 negatively impacted by work schedules, time constraints, and  
8 related barriers. By making the November election a holiday, these  
9 problems and associated issues like excessively long morning and  
10 evening lines at polling places would be mitigated. With more time  
11 to cast their ballots, voters would be better able to exercise  
12 their democratic rights. Moreover, with more citizens voting, our  
13 elections would be more representative of the country and its  
14 communities; now, therefore, be it

15       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize  
16 the U.S. Congress to adopt Election Day, the first Tuesday after  
17 the first Monday in November, as a national holiday; and be it  
18 further

19       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
20 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
21 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan  
22 congressional delegation.

