

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

Reps. Brabec, Alexander, Tyrone Carter, Churches, Fitzgerald, Haadsma, Hood, Hope, Hoskins, Rheingans, Rogers, Schuette, Snyder, Wilson and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 6-10, 2023, as School
2 Counseling Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The American School Counselor Association has
4 designated the week of February 6, 2023, through February 10, 2023,
5 as "National School Counseling Week"; and

6 Whereas, School counseling programs are considered an integral
7 part of the educational process that enables all students to
8 achieve success in school; and

9 Whereas, School counselors may encourage students to pursue
10 challenging academic courses to prepare them for college majors and
11 careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

1 fields; and

2 Whereas, School counselors assist students in identifying
3 postsecondary educational options and preparing them to enroll in
4 college in addition to providing social and emotional guidance; and

5 Whereas, School counselors play a vital role in ensuring that
6 students are college and career ready and aware of financial aid
7 and college opportunities; and

8 Whereas, School counselors are actively committed to helping
9 students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents
10 as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

11 Whereas, School counselors help students cope with serious and
12 common challenges of growing up, including peer pressure, bullying,
13 mental health issues, school violence, disciplinary problems, and
14 problems in the home; and

15 Whereas, School counselors work with parents, guardians,
16 teachers, and other educators to help students explore their
17 potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

18 Whereas, School counselors seek to identify and utilize
19 community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive
20 school counseling programs and help students become productive
21 members of the society; and

22 Whereas, School counselors have long emphasized the importance
23 of personal and social development in contributing to academic
24 achievement; and

25 Whereas, School counselors help develop well-rounded students
26 by guiding them through their academic, social-emotional, and
27 career development; and

28 Whereas, The average student-to-counselor ratio in the
29 nation's public schools, 430-to-1, is almost double the 250-to-1

1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association, the
2 National Association for College Admission Counseling, and other
3 organizations; and

4 Whereas, The celebration of National School Counseling Week
5 would increase awareness of the important and necessary role school
6 counselors play in the lives of students in the United States, now,
7 therefore, be it

8 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
9 this legislative body declare February 6-10, 2023, as School
10 Counseling Week in the state of Michigan.