

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 62

Reps. Hood, Glanville, Neeley, Dievendorf, Rogers, Brabec, Roth, Paiz, Puri, Morgan, Farhat, Scott, McKinney, Hill, Brenda Carter, Weiss, Tsernoglou, Steckloff, Byrnes, Hope, McFall, Wilson, Rheingans, Brixie, Miller, Wegela, Beson, Grant, Liberati, Kunse, Snyder, Coleman, Tyrone Carter, Shannon, Andrews, Koleszar, Pohutsky, Churches, Morse, Conlin, MacDonell, Fitzgerald, Aiyash, Haadsma, Hoskins, Price, Rheingans and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 22, 2023, as Michigan Water Day
2 and World Water Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Since 1993, the United Nations has designated March
4 22nd as World Water Day. In 2010, the United Nations acknowledged
5 "the importance of equitable access to safe and clean drinking
6 water and sanitation as an integral component of the realization of
7 all human rights"; and

1 Whereas, The theme of World Water Day 2023 is accelerating
2 change to solve the water and sanitation crisis. Billions of people
3 around the world do not have access to clean water and sanitation;
4 and

5 Whereas, A substantial number of Michigan residents do not
6 have reliable access to clean water and sanitation. During the
7 recent pandemic, when access to clean water and sanitation was
8 especially vital, tens of thousands of Michigan residents were at
9 risk of water service shutoffs. Water services and sanitation
10 should meet the needs of all Michiganders, including those who are
11 the most vulnerable; and

12 Whereas, Water is a human right; now therefore be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
14 this legislative body declare March 22, 2023, as Michigan Water Day
15 and World Water Day in the state of Michigan. It is with great
16 honor and appreciation that we take this time to join other states
17 and nations in expressing our commitment to ensuring that clean
18 affordable drinking water is available to all Michiganders; and
19 commit ourselves to promotion of public awareness to prevent our
20 precious water from pollution and depletion. On this day, we will
21 celebrate and honor the pure water in our state, our country, and
22 our world; and be it further

23 Resolved, While we recognize the interconnectedness of
24 humanity and appreciate global challenges, we also recognize our
25 duty as Michiganders in protecting our natural resources and
26 instilling a sense of pride in ourselves and our children for our
27 Great Lakes; and be it further

28 Resolved, We cherish and acknowledge the special
29 responsibility of protecting Michigan's waters for current and

- 1 future generations and of assuring access to clean water and
- 2 sanitation for all Michigan residents.