

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

Reps. Hill, Hood, Arbit, Miller, Paiz, Coffia, Farhat, Brixie, Conlin, Mentzer, Brabec, Steckloff, Grant, Hope, Byrnes, Shannon, Rheingans, Snyder, McFall, Glanville, Rogers, Skaggs, Morse, Edwards, Brenda Carter, MacDonell, Churches, Witwer, Hoskins, Stone, Wilson, Fitzgerald, Price, Breen, Tsernoglou, McKinney, Scott, Neeley, O'Neal, Morgan, Bezotte, Haadsma and Wegela offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 3-11, 2023, as Great Lakes and
2 Fresh Water Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan is the Great Lake State and collectively the
4 Great Lakes contain over 80% of North America's surface fresh
5 water. Michigan is also home to over 10,000 inland lakes and tens
6 of thousands of miles of rivers and streams; and

7 Whereas, Michigan's fresh water supports essential state

1 industries including tourism, fishing, transportation, agriculture,
2 and outdoor recreation; and

3 Whereas, Michigan's waterways support biodiversity across the
4 state by linking wetlands, dunes, coastal, and aquatic ecosystems;
5 and

6 Whereas, Michigan's fresh water links our communities to those
7 of other states. This vital natural resource is enjoyed by people
8 throughout the Great Lakes region. Michigan must take care to act
9 as a leader in protecting fresh water and conserving our most
10 fundamentally important natural resource; and

11 Whereas, The resiliency supported by access to fresh water
12 supports Michigan communities as they cope with the impacts of
13 climate change, which is already causing an increase in extreme
14 weather events as well as other significant economic challenges;
15 and

16 Whereas, Michigan's economy will continue to benefit from the
17 desire of state leaders to foster a water-literate workforce and
18 open career pathways centered around the state's abundant
19 freshwater resources; and

20 Whereas, Affordable, clean water is a vital component of
21 public health. State leaders must remain focused on ensuring
22 equitable access to clean water for all communities. To that end,
23 Michigan must continue to invest in its water infrastructure and
24 ensure that no municipality, neighborhood, or school district is
25 unable to provide water to its people; and

26 Whereas, Michigan seeks to manage its water resources in a way
27 that is environmentally just, and to work in close partnership with
28 federal, state, local, regional, tribal, and provincial partners;
29 now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare June 3-11, 2023, as Great Lakes and
3 Fresh Water Week in the state of Michigan.