

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 193

Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Smit, Hall, Neyer, Posthumus, Thompson, Beeler, Zorn, Prestin, Beson, Roth, Schmaltz, Aragona, Slagh, Wozniak, Bezotte, Phil Green, DeSana, Fox, Borton, Steele, Kuhn, Witwer, Miller, Snyder, McFall, Mentzer, Andrews, Tsernoglou, Brixie, Haadsma, Rogers, Glanville, Alexander, Breen and Fitzgerald offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 17-24, 2024, as National FFA
2 Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Future Farmers of America (FFA) was established in
4 1928 and is now known as the National FFA Organization. In 1950,
5 Congress granted FFA a federal charter, making it a vital part of
6 public agricultural instruction under the National Vocational
7 Education Act; and

1 Whereas, The National FFA Organization is comprised of 945,988
2 members in grades seven through twelve; and

3 Whereas, These members belong to one of 9,163 local FFA
4 chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S.
5 Virgin Islands; and

6 Whereas, FFA operates on local, state, and national levels.
7 Student members belong to chapters at the local level where
8 agricultural educators serve as chapter advisors; and

9 Whereas, FFA members elect their own student officers that
10 plan and conduct activities with supervision from their advisors;
11 and

12 Whereas, States conduct annual conventions where members can
13 demonstrate their proficiency in competitions based on real-world
14 agricultural skills; and

15 Whereas, Local, state, and national FFA programs help members
16 develop public speaking skills, conduct and participate in
17 meetings, manage financial matters, strengthen problem-solving
18 abilities, and assume civic responsibilities; and

19 Whereas, The National FFA convention is the organization's
20 premier gathering during which competitors are recognized
21 nationally; and

22 Whereas, The National FFA Organization has expanded
23 opportunities in the agricultural industry. The FFA helps members
24 prepare for careers in agribusiness, agri-marketing, science,
25 communications, education, horticulture, production, natural
26 resources, forestry, and other diverse fields; and

27 Whereas, Members of the FFA strengthen their communities
28 through service and preparation of the next generation of leaders
29 to conquer challenges; and

1 Whereas, There are more than 704,297 FFA Alumni and Supporters
2 across the country that support and advocate for agricultural
3 education; and

4 Whereas, Members of the FFA Organization will celebrate
5 National FFA Week during the week of February 17 through 24, 2024;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
8 this legislative body declare February 17-24, 2024, as National FFA
9 Week in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens to
10 recognize and celebrate the important role of the National FFA
11 Organization in building valuable skills through hands-on learning
12 and developing young students for leadership, personal growth, and
13 career success.