

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

Reps. Hill, Brixie, Brabec, Breen, Glanville, Hood, Liberati, Rheingans and Schuette offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 16, 2024, as St. Urho's Day in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, St. Urho's Day celebrates Finnish-American heritage
4 and culture. It honors the legendary figure St. Urho, who according
5 to folklore, drove grasshoppers out of Finland's vineyards to save
6 the grape harvest; and

7 Whereas, The celebration of St. Urho's Day is a cherished
8 holiday among Finnish communities, fostering unity, pride, and
9 camaraderie; and

10 Whereas, This time-honored tradition provides an opportunity
11 for Finnish-Americans and all communities to join together in

1 celebration and cultural exchange; and

2 Whereas, The folklore behind St. Urho's Day highlights the
3 critical value of growing the great diversity of food on Michigan
4 farms; and

5 Whereas, Designating March 16th as St. Urho's Day acknowledges
6 the significance of Finnish heritage and recognizes the
7 contributions of Finnish-Americans to our nation; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
10 this legislative body declare March 16, 2024, as St. Urho's Day in
11 the state of Michigan. We encourage all residents to participate in
12 festivities and celebrations honoring Finnish-American culture and
13 heritage.