

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 231

Reps. Beeler, BeGole, Bezotte, Thompson, Smit, Slagh, St. Germaine, Schmaltz, Alexander, Roth, DeBoyer, Bierlein, Aragona, Mueller, VanderWall, Breen, MacDonell and Schuette offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare April 21-27, 2024, as Crime Victim  
2 Rights Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Crime is a grievous affront to the values of our  
4 society, undermining the very fabric of communal trust and safety;  
5 and

6           Whereas, The very nature of crime is anti-social, and its  
7 existence highlights opposition to the social order and the well-  
8 being of individuals and communities; and

1           Whereas, Recognizing crime as a preventable phenomenon is  
2 crucial to address the underlying factors that contribute to  
3 criminal behavior, such as a weakened legal system, lack of support  
4 for law enforcement officers, and failure to equip the justice  
5 system to adequately deal with criminals; and

6           Whereas, The impact of crime can be devastating and long-  
7 lasting, affecting the physical, emotional, and financial well-  
8 being of victims; and

9           Whereas, Crime Victim Rights Awareness Week serves not only to  
10 support victims but also to galvanize public and legislative action  
11 toward effective crime prevention strategies; and

12           Whereas, The enforcement of strong and effective legislation  
13 is crucial in the fight against crime and in providing justice to  
14 victims; and

15           Whereas, The imperative for concrete legislative action is  
16 evident, as laws form the foundation of our endeavors to deter  
17 crime and provide justice to victims; and

18           Whereas, Crime Victim Rights Awareness Week is an opportunity  
19 to educate the public about the challenges faced by crime victims,  
20 the resources available to them, and the need for strong and  
21 concrete action against crime; now, therefore, be it

22           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
23 this legislative body declare April 21-27, 2024, as Crime Victim  
24 Rights Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We acknowledge the  
25 anti-social and preventable nature of crime and its profound impact  
26 on individuals and society. We support comprehensive and  
27 preventative measures in addressing the root causes of crime,  
28 including but not limited to enhancing law enforcement  
29 capabilities, providing resources for crime prevention programs,

**1** and ensuring robust support systems for victims.