

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

Reps. Johnsen, Bollin, Bierlein, Fox, Fink, Slagh, Bezotte, Alexander, Meerman, DeBoyer, Greene, Kunse, Beson, Harris, Neyer, St. Germaine, Rigas, Schriver, Maddock, Zorn and VanderWall offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 27, 2023, as Holocaust
2 Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The Holocaust and all its victims will never be
4 forgotten. The Holocaust was the state-sponsored systematic
5 persecution, execution, and annihilation of European Jews by the
6 Nazi regime and its allies between 1933 and 1945. This atrocity, of
7 more than six million Jews, reduced the world's Jewish population
8 by one-third; and

9 Whereas, It is a constant reminder of the dangers of tyranny

1 and authoritarianism in a free society; and

2 Whereas, Cruel atrocities such as forced sterilization,
3 isolation, torture, ostracization, murder, and unspeakable
4 brutality were carried out by a culture on their fellow human
5 beings; and

6 Whereas, Millions more suffered grievous oppression and death
7 under Nazi despotism based on their religious beliefs, their
8 national origin, their ethnicity and culture, their political
9 beliefs, including courageous resisters and government dissidents,
10 their physical appearance, and many more; and

11 Whereas, The history of the Holocaust allows us to remind
12 ourselves of the responsibilities we have as individuals,
13 societies, parents, and governments to remember the atrocities
14 committed in hatred and the guise of bettering a society. It also
15 serves as an important reminder of what can happen when we allow
16 bigotry and hatred to enter and dominate our societies and our
17 public discourse; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare January 27, 2023, as Holocaust
20 Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

21 Resolved, That in honor of the victims of the Holocaust, the
22 survivors, their liberators, the people of Michigan should reflect
23 upon and never forget this terrible event and strive to overcome
24 hatred through education and remembrance.