

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

Rep. Paiz offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 25, 2023, as Librarian and
2 Library Worker Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Libraries are cultural institutions at the heart of
4 every Michigan community and campus, and the heartbeat of every
5 library is its people - its librarians and library workers; and

6 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers demonstrate
7 an unwavering commitment to excellence in their profession that
8 inspires and enriches the lives of all who visit our libraries; and

9 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers strive to
10 create inclusive collections and programs, and provide access to
11 information and resources to all members of the community
12 regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation,

1 gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

2 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers promote
3 literacy and life-long learning and foster creativity and
4 innovation; and

5 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers form
6 welcoming spaces that promote local connection and foster a sense
7 of community, advancing understanding and civic engagement; and

8 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers create safe
9 places for their community members to explore new ideas anonymously
10 without fear of judgment, hatred, or reprisal; and

11 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers make order
12 out of chaos and help families in Michigan find the information
13 they want AND the information they didn't even know they were
14 looking for; and

15 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers demonstrate
16 courage and professionalism in upholding the principles of
17 intellectual freedom and open access to information for all, even
18 in the face of opposition or controversy; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare April 25, 2023, as Librarian and
21 Library Worker Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize and honor
22 the contributions of Michigan's librarians and library workers and
23 commend them for their advocacy and leadership in protecting
24 intellectual freedom and the right to read, ensuring equity of
25 access to information for all Michiganders, promoting literacy, and
26 creating welcoming spaces, programs, and collections that inspire
27 and enrich the lives of all Michiganders. We celebrate this
28 occasion to acknowledge the commitment, dedication, and innovation
29 of Michigan's librarians and library workers, and to thank them for

1 their invaluable service and contributions to the state.