

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91

Rep. Hope offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the
2 state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, In 1872, the first Arbor Day was established as a
4 special day to be set aside for the planting of trees in the
5 territory of Nebraska; and

6 Whereas, Michigan native J. Sterling Morton championed the
7 first Arbor Day in Nebraska; and

8 Whereas, In 1885, the Michigan Legislature resolved there will
9 be a special day dedicated to the importance of planting trees
10 known as Arbor Day; and

11 Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and
12 the world; and

13 Whereas, Trees benefit society and the environment by reducing

1 the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting
2 heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, filtering
3 the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for
4 wildlife; and

5 Whereas, Trees are a renewable resource that provide paper,
6 fuel, and wood for construction and other wood products; and

7 Whereas, Trees in our cities increase property values, enhance
8 the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our
9 communities; and

10 Whereas, Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy
11 and renewal; now, therefore, be it

12 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
13 this legislative body declare April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the
14 state of Michigan.