

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 231

Reps. Beeler, BeGole, Bezotte, Thompson, Smit, Slagh, St. Germaine, Schmaltz, Alexander, Roth, DeBoyer, Bierlein, Aragona, Mueller and VanderWall 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

9 Whereas, Recognizing crime as a preventable phenomenon is

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

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

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

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

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

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

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