

Reps. Victory, Singh, Brinks, Chirkun, Clemente, Cochran, Cox, Crawford, Elder, Ellison, Faris, Green, Greig, Howrylak, Kesto, Liberati, Marino, Maturen, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller and Yanez offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 272.

A resolution to declare March 14, 2018, as Hunger Solutions Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan's mission is to create a food secure state through advocacy, resource management, and collaboration among stakeholders and Michigan's unified food bank network; and

Whereas, Over 15% of Michigan residents regularly face hunger in their household and nearly 18% of Michigan children do not have a consistent source of healthy, nutritious food; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan represents regional food banks that serve all 83 counties in Michigan. Michigan food banks distribute food and resources to direct service agencies including pantries, after school programs and senior centers. They also coordinate outreach and educational programs throughout the year to promote healthy and responsible choices that affect hunger; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan coordinates surplus donations from Michigan farmers in order to make available fresh, nutritious produce into the emergency food system. The entity also coordinates the statewide food and fund drive, Michigan Harvest Gathering, which has secured nearly 76 million meals since 1991; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan and Michigan food banks are committed to increasing access to nutritious food through programs and food distribution services and advocates for policy in support of food security for all Michigan residents; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan can be proud to encourage the collaborative and innovative strategies which bring food security to families, individuals, and communities that are desperately in need of support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 14, 2018, as Hunger Solutions Day in the state of Michigan.