

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 296**

1 A resolution to declare July 22, 2020, as Essential Workers
2 Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Workers such as store clerks, cashiers, delivery
4 drivers, maintenance staff, police officers, firefighters, cooks,
5 postal workers, autoworkers, corrections officers, teachers,
6 healthcare workers, truck and bus drivers, technical support,
7 public service employees, and many others are serving a vital role
8 in sustaining our economy and way of life during the COVID-19
9 pandemic; and

10 Whereas, The health and well-being of essential workers is
11 placed at risk in the fulfillment of their duties so the general
12 population may continue to have access to essential services and



1 maintain a sense of normalcy during this global health crisis.
2 Without them, our economy and ability to function as a society
3 would come to a grinding halt; and

4 Whereas, Before the pandemic, the roles of essential workers
5 in our communities were often overlooked and underappreciated. A
6 sentiment displayed in a demand for long hours, uncertainty, and
7 seeming obscurity; and

8 Whereas, There have been essential workers, some who continue
9 to lack access to personal protection equipment, who have succumbed
10 to COVID-19 after contracting the illness while working to support
11 themselves and their families; now, therefore, be it

12 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
13 this legislative body declare July 22, 2020, as Essential Workers
14 Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize and extend
15 sincerest gratitude for the invaluable role of essential workers
16 during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond by recognizing and honor
17 their hard work and sacrifice.