

Substitute for House Resolution No. 288.

A resolution to declare June 18-24, 2012, as Pollinator Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

Whereas, Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

Whereas, Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy biodiverse ecosystems; and

Whereas, Michigan has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as state forests and grasslands, for decades; and

Whereas, Michigan provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 18-24, 2012, as Pollinator Week in the state of Michigan. We urge all citizens to recognize this observance; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and all local conservation districts in this state, with our highest esteem.