

Rep. Hughes offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 263.

A resolution to declare June 9, 2012, as Michigan Flower Planting Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Agriculture is the second largest industry in the state of Michigan and floriculture is the fourth largest commodity and the largest specialty crop; and

Whereas, Michigan is a national leader in the production of floriculture products, only behind California and Florida; and

Whereas, Michigan has over 700 commercial growers who distribute a wholesale value of over \$390 million; and

Whereas, Michigan's floriculture industry employs over 14,000 workers in the industry; and

Whereas, Michigan's floriculture industry has continued to increase annual farm-gate value of \$397.4 million dollars; and

Whereas, Michigan's floriculture industry ranks number one nationally in sales of impatiens, begonias, geraniums, petunias, potted vegetable plants, and potted hostas, and second nationally in sales of pansies, chrysanthemums, Easter lilies, and flowering bulbs; and

Whereas, The Michigan Floriculture Growers Council represents the collective business interests of the floriculture sector of Michigan's economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 9, 2012, as Michigan Flower Planting Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize this date as a day when residents who have yet to beautify their yards and patios with flowers are encouraged to do so. This not only improves the great appearance of our state and the quality of life for gardeners and their neighbors, but also supports Michigan's vibrant floriculture industry.