

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 252

Reps. Kuppa, Elder, Tyrone Carter, Haadsma, Peterson, Cambensy, Hammoud, Kennedy, Cynthia Johnson, Garza, Shannon, Stone, Pohutsky, Sowerby, Koleszar, Bolden, Hoadley, Hood, Ellison, Brixie, Hertel, Sabo, Sneller, Warren, Lasinski, Rabhi, Tate, Cynthia Neeley, Greig, Cherry, Chirkun, Love, Clemente, Liberati and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 22, 2020, as Michigan Water Day
2 and World Water Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Since 1993, the United Nations has designated March
4 22nd as World Water Day. In 2010, the United Nations acknowledged
5 "the importance of equitable access to safe and clean drinking
6 water and sanitation as an integral component of the realization of
7 all human rights"; and

1 Whereas, The theme of World Water Day in 2020 is the link
2 between water and climate change and we recognize the importance of
3 the sustainable managements of our natural resources; and

4 Whereas, Clean water is integral to the global economy and
5 international security, and nearly 1.5 billion laborers around the
6 world work in water-related sectors. Reliable water infrastructure
7 is integral to the health, safety, and well-being of people; and

8 Whereas, Water services should meet the needs of all
9 Michiganders, including those who are the most vulnerable, so that
10 their voices are heard in the decision making process; and

11 Whereas, Michigan has the largest freshwater coastline in the
12 United States and has more than 11,000 inland lakes. A Michigander
13 is never more than six miles away from a fresh body of water; and

14 Whereas, The Great Lakes make up more than twenty percent of
15 the world's freshwater supply and are a source of drinking water
16 for about forty million people. Approximately 525,886 jobs in
17 Michigan are directly connected to the Great Lakes; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare March 22, 2020, as Michigan Water Day
21 and World Water Day in the state of Michigan. It is with great
22 honor and appreciation that we take this time to join other states
23 and nations in expressing our commitment to ensuring that clean
24 affordable drinking water is available to all Michiganders; and
25 commit ourselves to promotion of public awareness to prevent our
26 precious water from pollution and depletion. On this day, we will
27 celebrate and honor the pure water in our state, our country, and
28 our world; and be it further

29 Resolved, While we recognize the interconnectedness of

1 humanity and appreciate global challenges, we also recognize our
2 duty as Michiganders in protecting our natural resources and
3 instilling a sense of pride in ourselves and our children for our
4 Great Lakes; and be it further

5 Resolved, We cherish and acknowledge the special
6 responsibility of protecting Michigan's waters for current and
7 future generations.