

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

Senators Johnson, Alexander, Bayer, Bizon, Brinks, Bullock, Bumstead, Chang, Daley, Geiss, Hertel, Hollier, Horn, Irwin, LaSata, Lauwers, MacDonald, MacGregor, McBroom, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Outman, Polehanki, Runestad, Santana, Schmidt, Shirkey, Stamas, VanderWall, Victory, Wojno, Zorn and Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize all of the clerks, their staff, and
2 election workers in Michigan who made the November 3, 2020 general
3 election possible under unprecedented circumstances.

4 Whereas, The November general election in Michigan saw its
5 highest recorded voter turnout to date with 5.56 million voters
6 total, which is over half a million more than the previous record
7 high turnout in 2008 when about 5 million people voted; and

1 Whereas, 2020 marks the first presidential election in which
2 Michigan residents could utilize no-reason absentee voting; and

3 Whereas, 3.23 million Michigan voters who sent in their votes
4 through absentee ballots made up more than half of the state's
5 total vote; and

6 Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic presented unique complications
7 and logistical concerns that elections workers had to cope with
8 including health and safety concerns; and

9 Whereas, Election workers risked their health and safety to
10 work at the polls on Election Day and at the absent voter counting
11 boards amid the COVID-19 pandemic; and

12 Whereas, Despite these unprecedented challenges, many
13 jurisdictions were able to count and report the votes in a timely
14 manner without undue delay; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the Senate, That we recognize all of the clerks,
16 their staff, and election workers in Michigan who made the November
17 3, 2020 general election possible under unprecedented
18 circumstances.