

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.297

Reps. Pohutsky, Sowerby, Hood, LaGrand, Rabhi, Koleszar, Witwer, Manoogian, Brixie, Stone, Bolden, Clemente, Sneller, Hammoud, Hope, Kennedy, Chirkun, Brenda Carter, Hoadley, Lasinski and Hertel offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare August 2020 as Water Quality Month in  
2 the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Water Quality Month calls attention to the fact that  
4 water is essential to our daily lives and has many uses including  
5 drinking, agriculture, recreation, and transportation which are  
6 paramount to the health and wellbeing of Michiganders across our  
7 great state; and

8       Whereas, The term "water quality" refers to the standards  
9 surrounding the use, protection, anti-degradation requirements, and  
10 monitoring policies for our waterways, aquifers, lakes, and



1 streams. Legislators must call attention and continuously strive  
2 to implement policies which protect our water resources; and

3       Whereas, Michigan values our natural resources, especially our  
4 watersheds and lakes, which support our tourism, recreation, and  
5 agriculture industries. We are recognized as the Great Lakes State;  
6 and

7       Whereas, Water quality is monitored under the processes  
8 prescribed in the Clean Water Act and is done with local and  
9 community input through transparent processes which recognize the  
10 vital needs for access to clean water for all Michigan citizens;  
11 and

12       Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has  
13 designated August as National Water Quality Month, a designation  
14 which Michigan should echo and support; now, therefore, be it

15       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
16 this legislative body declare August 2020 Water Quality Month in  
17 the state of Michigan. We support the continued efforts of  
18 national, state, and local partners, and the efforts of Michigan  
19 citizens to ensure that water quality remains a focus of our  
20 natural resources policies; and be it further

21       Resolved, That we will continue to prioritize the health and  
22 safety of all Michiganders when developing water quality standards  
23 and policies in order to proactively prevent harm to our citizens,  
24 our natural resources, and our tourism and agriculture industries.