

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140

Reps. Haadsma, Aiyash, Tyrone Carter, Clemente, Ellison, Garza, Rogers, Sneller, Sowerby and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare August 2021 as Home Visiting Month in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, For decades, Michigan has been building a coordinated
4 home visiting system to support families as illustrated in the
5 annual PA 291 report. Home visiting provides opportunity for early
6 detection in order to prevent or minimize developmental delays.
7 Evidence-based home visiting reduces incidences of child abuse and
8 neglect, improves birth outcomes, improves family self-sufficiency,
9 improves family and child health, and improves school readiness;
10 and

11 Whereas, The impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences for
12 families and our communities is steep and profound. Home visiting

1 supports the development of protective factors in families,
2 buffering the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences; and

3 Whereas, State and local partnerships including the Michigan
4 Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Department of
5 Education, and the Michigan Public Health Institute support home
6 visiting programs and collaborate to grow and improve home visiting
7 services, supporting families from prenatal through school entry;
8 and

9 Whereas, Early childhood communities across Michigan have also
10 engaged in improvement efforts through a state-wide network of
11 Great Start Collaboratives and Parent Coalitions to achieve the
12 four Office of Great Start Outcomes: children born healthy,
13 children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth
14 to third grade, children developmentally ready to succeed in school
15 at the time of school entry, and children prepared to succeed in
16 fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of the
17 third grade; and

18 Whereas, To reach these outcomes, a continuum of programs and
19 services are in place to support families and young children to
20 reach their potential. However, many of the families who may
21 benefit the most from services are not connected. These families
22 are not aware that high-quality evidence-based home visiting
23 programs are available from prenatal to kindergarten entry; and

24 Whereas, Quality, voluntary home visiting leads to fewer
25 children in social welfare, mental health, and juvenile corrections
26 systems with a considerable cost savings for states. National
27 Conference of State Legislatures reports the return on investment
28 in home visiting is \$1.75 - \$5.70 per dollar spent in programming;
29 and

1 Whereas, Evidence-based home visiting from prenatal to
2 kindergarten is a two-generation approach to successful kids and
3 successful families; now, therefore, be it

4 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
5 this legislative body declare August 2021 as Home Visiting Month in
6 the state of Michigan.