

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.163

Reps. Hall, Breen, Kuppa, Rogers and Steenland offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare September 27-October 1, 2021, as  
2 Independent Food Retailers Week in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Independent Food Retailers Week provides a time to  
4 celebrate the food retail industry and its dedication to the public  
5 in their delivery of services to our state even in the midst of a  
6 global pandemic; and

7       Whereas, The retail food industry is comprised of grocers,  
8 specialty food markets, convenience stores, and pharmacies along  
9 with many other businesses providing access to food at retail in  
10 their communities; and

11       Whereas, According to a 2016 study, this industry contributes

1 an estimated gross total of \$24.8 billion to Michigan's economy  
2 through its direct sales, indirect economic impact on other  
3 industries, and employment; and

4       Whereas, The retail food industry directly supported 198,000  
5 full and part time jobs along with an additional 75,000 indirect  
6 jobs; and

7       Whereas, Businesses in the food retail industry contribute  
8 nearly \$900 million in state and local taxes to state and local  
9 governments; and

10       Whereas, As we celebrate Food Retailers Week in Michigan, we  
11 acknowledge the many contributions these businesses and their  
12 employees make to our state; now, therefore, be it

13       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
14 this legislative body declare September 27-October 1, 2021, as  
15 Independent Food Retailers Week in the state of Michigan.