

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

Senators Chang, Wojno, Bullock, Geiss, Bayer, Brinks, Moss and Stamas offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize February 1, 2022, as World Hijab
2 Day.

3 Whereas, World Hijab Day, started by Nazma Khan, is a day for
4 women of different cultures, who do not normally wear the hijab, to
5 experience wearing one for the day. Its purpose is to encourage
6 religious tolerance, cultural understanding, and international
7 solidarity; and

8 Whereas, The hijab, a traditional veil which covers a woman's
9 hair and chest, has been very important to the history of Islam. It
10 is meant to promote dignity and respect for women while maintaining
11 modesty and respect for their religion; and

1 Whereas, On February 1, 2013, the world celebrated its first
2 annual World Hijab Day in recognition of millions of Muslim women
3 who choose to wear the hijab and live a life of religious faith;
4 and

5 Whereas, Since its inception, World Hijab Day has participants
6 from all over the world; and

7 Whereas, To combat prejudice, leaders in the American Muslim
8 community are working tirelessly to show that the wearing of the
9 hijab is a choice, a freedom, and a blessing, while also educating
10 their fellow citizens about Islam in relevant and meaningful ways;
11 and

12 Whereas, One of America's greatest strengths is our ability to
13 embrace different faiths and allow members to express themselves
14 freely; and

15 Whereas, Michigan citizens come from a variety of backgrounds
16 and are united in affirming the inherent dignity of all people, the
17 right of every person to be treated with respect, and the right of
18 all citizens to practice religion freely; and

19 Whereas, World Hijab Day encourages the wearing of the hijab
20 as a proud display of religious faith and communal bonding which
21 will make us stronger as a more accepting nation; now, therefore,
22 be it

23 Resolved by the Senate, That members of this legislative body
24 recognize February 1, 2022, as World Hijab Day.