

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Senators Bumstead and Bayer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate July 2021 as Michigan Wildlife
2 Conservation Month.

3 Whereas, Michigan's natural beauty, abundant wildlife, and
4 plentiful waters are enjoyed from Belle Isle to Baraga by millions
5 of residents and visitors and should be preserved and protected for
6 future generations; and

7 Whereas, Hunters and anglers were among the first
8 conservationists, pushing for active wildlife management and
9 conservation to ensure wildlife flourishes for future generations;
10 and

11 Whereas, Science-based wildlife management and conservation
12 decisions such as actively enhancing habitat, monitoring wildlife

1 populations, preventing the spread of disease, and regulating
2 hunting and fishing seasons help balance our use of natural
3 resources with the needs of Michigan's wildlife; and

4 Whereas, As a result of these protections, regulations, and
5 extensive conservation efforts, Michigan populations of white-
6 tailed deer, grouse, Kirtland's Warbler, and many other species
7 have rebounded from near extirpation; and

8 Whereas, Michigan has approximately 11,000 inland lakes and
9 36,000 miles of rivers and streams which provide abundant wildlife
10 habitat; and

11 Whereas, July 1, 2021, marks the eighty-third anniversary of
12 the effective date for the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in
13 Wildlife Restoration Act, which provides funding for wildlife
14 management projects across the nation through the purchase of
15 hunting equipment; and

16 Whereas, Hunting and fishing licenses provide tens of millions
17 of dollars each year for wildlife conservation; and,

18 Whereas, Annually, hunters and anglers contribute \$11.2
19 billion to Michigan's economy and create 171,000 jobs, making these
20 activities one of the state's top 10 job-creating industries,
21 according to a recent study by the Michigan United Conservation
22 Clubs; and

23 Whereas, This year is also the eighth anniversary of the
24 creation of the Michigan Wildlife Council, a bipartisan-approved
25 panel entrusted with educating the public about the importance of
26 wildlife management in preserving Michigan's outdoor heritage for
27 future generations; and

28 Whereas, In large part because of the council's activities,
29 more Michiganders than ever before are aware of the essential role

1 hunting and fishing play in conserving, managing, and protecting
2 Michigan's wildlife; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the Senate, That members of this legislative body
4 designate July 2021 as Michigan Wildlife Conservation Month.