

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.100

Senator MacDonald offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to reaffirm our support for Michigan businesses
2 by encouraging the state to direct as many procurement dollars as
3 possible to Michigan-based business.

4 Whereas, The COVID-19 Pandemic had a devastating impact on
5 Michigan businesses, leading to a loss of nearly one-quarter of
6 Michigan's jobs at its peak. In order to limit the virus' spread,
7 several executive orders and rules resulted in many businesses
8 being ordered to temporarily close or restrict operations.
9 Thousands of Michigan businesses were not able to survive the
10 crisis and were forced to permanently close. As life attempts to
11 return to normal, business owners are faced with unprecedented
12 economic challenges and hardships; and

13 Whereas, Throughout the Pandemic, the Michigan Senate has

1 taken action to support Michigan businesses and worked to support
2 the economic recovery. Funds have been appropriated to provide
3 relief to small businesses. Legislators have listened to the
4 testimony of and advocated for the interests of business owners;
5 and

6 Whereas, The long-term vitality of small business in this
7 state is critical to Michigan's economic recovery. The Michigan
8 Legislature is preparing to appropriate an unprecedented amount of
9 state and federal dollars to Michigan business through various
10 means and the state of Michigan has the opportunity to enact
11 policies that ensure more state and federal dollars are
12 appropriated to Michigan companies and that Michigan companies are
13 more competitive in the state's procurement process; and

14 Whereas, Michigan businesses and their employees pay a
15 significant portion of taxes in this state. Failure to partner with
16 these businesses within the procurement process at a higher rate
17 will lead to more closures and lost jobs, hindering our economic
18 recovery; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the Senate, That we reaffirm our support for
20 Michigan businesses by encouraging the state to direct as many
21 procurement dollars as possible to Michigan-based business; and be
22 it further

23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
24 director of the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and
25 Budget; the Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Chamber of
26 Commerce; the Chief Executive Officer of the Small Business
27 Association of Michigan; and the Michigan State Director of the
28 National Federation of Independent Business.