

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140

Rep. Haadsma 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  
13 supports the development of protective factors in families,

1 buffering the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences; and

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

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

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

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

29       Whereas, Evidence-based home visiting from prenatal to

1 kindergarten is a two-generation approach to successful kids and  
2 successful families; now, therefore, be it

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