

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.163

Rep. Hall 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
12 an estimated gross total of \$24.8 billion to Michigan's economy

1 through its direct sales, indirect economic impact on other
2 industries, and employment; and

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

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

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

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