

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.181

Rep. Wakeman offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2021 as Funeral Director
2 Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan funeral directors are dedicated and skilled
4 professionals who are called upon day or night to come to the
5 immediate assistance of those in our communities who have lost a
6 loved one; and

7 Whereas, The expertise that Michigan funeral directors have
8 mastered draws from multiple advanced sciences and technical
9 disciplines to protect public health from the spread of disease,
10 while also providing families and the community with the time to
11 share in their grief and a proper and respectful disposition; and

12 Whereas, While first responders were deservingly being hailed

1 as heroes during the COVID-19 pandemic, funeral directors were
2 quietly serving in the background carrying out their duties in the
3 continuum of care to protect public health; and

4 Whereas, Special recognition is also due to the members of the
5 Michigan Mortuary Response Team (MIMORT), who have attained
6 advanced training through specific preparedness exercises to
7 respond to mass fatality events in the state of Michigan and who
8 were deployed in 2020 to Southeast Michigan to relieve local
9 hospitals that experienced a concentrated number of COVID deaths,
10 causing their holding facilities to reach capacity; and

11 Whereas, The MIMORT team skillfully performed special duties
12 in extraordinary and unprecedented fashion to care for,
13 respectfully handle, and transport remains to another shelter until
14 such time the remains were reunited with their loved ones for a
15 proper and respectful disposition; and

16 Whereas, Public mental health awareness has been promoted by
17 Michigan funeral directors offering council and comfort to those
18 who grieve as part of their services; and

19 Whereas, Funeral Director Appreciation Month highlights the
20 commitment of funeral directors throughout the state to protect
21 public health and provide critical services and assistance to those
22 beginning their transition from a life with their loved one to a
23 life without their loved one; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
25 this legislative body declare October 2021 as Funeral Director
26 Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan. We acknowledge the
27 significant contributions of funeral directors in Michigan, the
28 Michigan Mortuary Response Team, and Funeral Director Appreciation
29 Month in our state; and be it further

1 Resolved, That we call on each resident, business, house of
2 worship, community organization, and unit of government to observe
3 this month with participation in Funeral Director Appreciation
4 Month by acknowledging the dedication and services of funeral
5 directors in our communities.