

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 222

Reps. Paiz, Glanville, Hoskins, McKinney, McFall, Aiyash, Brabec, Breen, Haadsma, Hope, Liberati, Rheingans, Rogers and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 16, 2024, as Librarian and
2 Library Worker Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan's libraries are essential institutions that
4 offer the opportunity for everyone to connect with others, learn
5 new skills, and pursue their passions, no matter where they are on
6 life's journey; and

7 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library support staff bring
8 the nation expert assistance, personal service, and access to a
9 wealth of resources and programs, both in person and online; and

1 Whereas, Michigan's library professionals at thousands of
2 academic, governmental, public, school, and specialized libraries
3 in the United States provide this invaluable service to library
4 users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual
5 orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

6 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers demonstrate
7 an unwavering commitment to excellence in their profession that
8 inspires and enriches the lives of all who visit our libraries; and

9 Whereas, The passion and dedication of library professionals
10 contribute to the cultural enrichment, educational advancement,
11 economic development, and social cohesion of our city; and

12 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers demonstrate
13 courage and professionalism in upholding the principles of
14 intellectual freedom and open access to information for all, even
15 in the face of opposition or controversy; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare April 16, 2024, as Librarian and
18 Library Worker Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize and honor
19 the contributions of Michigan's librarians and library workers and
20 commend them for their advocacy and leadership in protecting
21 intellectual freedom and the right to read, ensuring equity of
22 access to information for all Michiganders, promoting literacy, and
23 creating welcoming spaces, programs, and collections that inspire
24 and enrich the lives of all Michiganders. We celebrate this
25 occasion to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of Michigan's
26 librarians and library workers in service to upholding a touchstone
27 of democracy. We thank them for their contribution to the people of
28 Michigan.