

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.307

Reps. Young, Bezotte and MacDonell offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2024 as Domestic Violence
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, According to the National Coalition Against Domestic
4 Violence (NCADV), Domestic Violence Awareness Month was launched
5 nationwide in October 1981 as a way to connect and unite
6 individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues
7 and raise awareness for those issues; and

8 Whereas, NCADV defines domestic violence as the willful
9 intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or
10 other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and
11 control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It

1 includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological
2 violence, and emotional abuse; and

3 Whereas, Domestic violence impacts individuals in every
4 community of our state, regardless of age, economic status, sexual
5 orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

6 Whereas, Perpetrators of domestic violence intentionally
7 engage in a pattern of behavior to exert coercive control in
8 intimate partner relationships, violating the fundamental human
9 rights of those they abuse; and

10 Whereas, According to the NCADV, 41.8 percent of Michigan
11 women and 23 percent of Michigan men experience intimate partner
12 physical violence, intimate partner rape, and/or intimate partner
13 stalking in their lives. In fact, in just a single day in 2019, 16
14 Michigan domestic violence programs provided services to 417 adult
15 and child survivors. Another 376 requests for services went unmet
16 due to lack of resources. Annual data from Michigan State Police
17 indicates that there were 69,765 domestic violence incidents
18 reported in 2022 and fatalities rose from eighty-nine deaths in
19 2010 to 101 in 2022, despite increased awareness; and

20 Whereas, While throughout the last three decades, much
21 progress has been made to support domestic violence victims and
22 survivors and to hold abusers accountable, continued awareness,
23 education, and action are crucial to intervention in and prevention
24 of domestic violence; and

25 Whereas, We must work together to educate our entire
26 population about what can be done to prevent domestic violence,
27 hold perpetrators accountable, support the individual and unique
28 needs of survivors, and ensure that survivors are not victimized;
29 now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare October 2024 as Domestic Violence
3 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.