

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85

Senators Bumstead, Bellino, Cherry, Damoose and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate January 28-February 3, 2024, as
2 Wetland Conservation Week and to recognize Ducks Unlimited, Inc. on
3 their achievements in habitat conservation.

4 Whereas, In 1937, Ducks Unlimited, Inc. was founded when the
5 drought-plagued waterfowl populations of North America plunged to
6 unprecedented lows; and

7 Whereas, After decades of commitment to conserving waterfowl
8 habitats, Ducks Unlimited, Inc. has become the largest private
9 organization for waterfowl and wetlands conservation worldwide and
10 one of the most effective private organizations dedicated to that
11 cause; and

1 Whereas, Since the founding of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., the
2 organization has conserved and protected more than 90,000 acres of
3 waterfowl habitat in Michigan; and

4 Whereas, Ducks Unlimited, Inc. has nearly 30,000 passionate
5 members across Michigan; and

6 Whereas, Since the founding of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., the
7 organization has invested over \$55 million on nearly 500 individual
8 projects throughout the state, benefitting wildlife, enhancing
9 recreational opportunity, and supporting Michigan's robust outdoor
10 economy; and

11 Whereas, Their wetland projects benefit communities by
12 providing lifesaving flood storage capabilities, groundwater
13 recharge, and water quality improvements associated with the
14 natural water filtration that wetlands provide; and

15 Whereas, Ducks Unlimited, Inc. maintains the vital mission of
16 conserving, restoring, and managing wetlands and associated
17 habitats for the waterfowl of North America, a mission that also
18 benefits all wildlife and people; and

19 Whereas, The ecosystem services provided by the wetland
20 conservation work done by Ducks Unlimited, Inc. are critical to
21 sustaining and improving quality of life in Michigan; and

22 Whereas, We support collaborative wetland conservation efforts
23 on public and private lands that promote hunting and fishing as
24 well as a wide array of recreational pursuits; now, therefore, be
25 it

26 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
27 body designate January 28-February 3, 2024, as Wetland Conservation
28 Week and to recognize Ducks Unlimited, Inc. on their achievements
29 in habitat conservation; and be it further

1 Resolved, That we recognize the important contributions of
2 Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and its members across Michigan to the
3 conservation of wetlands and associated habitats, and to the
4 waterfowl of North America.