

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.297

Rep. Harris offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare September 11-17, 2024, as Patriot Week  
2 in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, The events that led to the signing of the  
4 Constitution of the United States by the delegates to the  
5 Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have significance  
6 for every citizen of the United States and are honored in public  
7 schools across the United States on Constitution Day, which is  
8 September 17 of each year; and

9       Whereas, The rule of law, the social compact, democracy,  
10 liberty, equality, and unalienable human rights are the essential  
11 values upon which the United States flourishes; and

12       Whereas, Diversity is one of the greatest strengths of the

1 United States, and the motto inscribed on the Great Seal of the  
2 United States, "E pluribus unum", Latin for "out of many, one",  
3 symbolizes that individuals in the United States from all walks of  
4 life are unified by shared values; and

5       Whereas, Exceptional, visionary, and indispensable individuals  
6 such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall,  
7 George Washington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Rosa  
8 Parks, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin  
9 Luther King, Jr., Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded or  
10 advanced the United States; and

11       Whereas, The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of  
12 the United States, the Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions  
13 signed in Seneca Falls, New York, the Gettysburg Address, the  
14 Emancipation Proclamation, and the "I Have a Dream" speech  
15 delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr., express sentiments that have  
16 advanced liberty in the United States; and

17       Whereas, The Bennington flag (commonly known as the "76  
18 flag"), the Betsy Ross flag, the current flag of the United States,  
19 the flag of the women's suffrage movement, the Union flag (commonly  
20 known as the "Fort Sumter flag"), the Gadsden flag, and the flags  
21 of the States are physical symbols of the history of the United  
22 States: now, therefore, be it

23       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
24 this legislative body declare September 11-17, 2024, as Patriot  
25 Week in the state of Michigan. We recognize that understanding the  
26 history of the United States and the first principles of the United  
27 States is indispensable to the survival of the United States as a  
28 free people; acknowledge in great reverence to the victims of the  
29 September 11, 2001, attacks, that citizens of the United States

1 should take time to honor the first principles, founders,  
2 documents, and symbols of their history; recognize that each  
3 generation should renew the spirit of the United States based on  
4 the first principles, historical figures, founding documents, and  
5 symbols of the United States; and encourage citizens, schools and  
6 other educational institutions, and federal, state, and local  
7 governments and their agencies to recognize and participate in  
8 Patriot Week by honoring, celebrating, and promoting the study of  
9 the history of the United States so that all people of the United  
10 States may offer the reverence that is due to the free republic.