

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

Reps. Fox, Roth, Borton, DeSana, Schriver, DeBoer, Alexander, Wortz, Schuette, Smit, Markkanen, Slagh, Johnsen, Rigas, Hoadley, Breen, Lightner, Outman, Posthumus, Rheingans and Young offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare April 13-20, 2025, as Holy Week in the  
2 state of Michigan and to extend best wishes to Christians in  
3 Michigan, the United States, and worldwide, for a joyous and  
4 meaningful observance of Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday,  
5 when all Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

6       Whereas, This occasion is observed as a time to remember the  
7 life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at the end  
8 of his earthly ministry. Christians everywhere rejoice in the  
9 completion of Jesus' redemptive work as he rose from the grave  
10 three days after dying on a cross. Christians today also observe  
11 Holy Week in keeping with nearly two thousand years of Church

1 history that began with Jesus' victory over death; and

2       Whereas, Christians in Michigan, our nation, and around the  
3 world remember with gratitude and reverence the works of Jesus as  
4 he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, was betrayed to worldly and  
5 religious authorities on Maundy Thursday, was crucified on Good  
6 Friday, and rose again on Easter Sunday; and

7       Whereas, Throughout two thousand years, on Easter Sunday,  
8 faithful followers of Christ exclaim "He is Risen!" to one another  
9 and respond by declaring "He is Risen indeed!" to recall the  
10 living, eternal hope that they each have in the life of Christ; and

11       Whereas, During Holy Week, Christians remember Jesus' work by  
12 reading and studying the Bible, especially the historical events of  
13 Jesus as described in the Gospels, by praying and by attending  
14 church services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, the latter of  
15 which is considered the high point of the Christian calendar; and

16       Whereas, This year, Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday, April 13,  
17 and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 20; now, therefore, be it

18       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
19 this legislative body declare April 13–20, 2025, as Holy Week in  
20 the state of Michigan and extend best wishes to Christians in  
21 Michigan, the United States, and worldwide, for a joyous and  
22 meaningful observance of Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday,  
23 when all Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.