

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 84

Reps. Meerman, Mentzer, Rheingans, Outman, Miller, Alexander, Glanville, Paiz, Rogers, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness  
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, May is recognized nationally as Foster Care Awareness  
4 Month, providing an opportunity to increase awareness of the  
5 experiences of children and youth in foster care and to celebrate  
6 those who support them; and

7       Whereas, This month serves as a time to honor the commitment  
8 of foster families, kinship caregivers, child welfare  
9 professionals, mentors, advocates, and volunteers who offer care,  
10 guidance, and stability to children and youth in the foster care  
11 system; and

12       Whereas, In Michigan, approximately 10,000 children are in

1 foster care or residential placement due to abuse or neglect, each  
2 deserving of a safe, nurturing environment and a sense of  
3 belonging; and

4       Whereas, Many children in foster care benefit from placements  
5 with relatives or kin, which can offer greater stability,  
6 continuity, and connection to family and culture; and

7       Whereas, Children and youth in foster care face unique  
8 challenges and often demonstrate remarkable strength, resilience,  
9 and potential; and

10       Whereas, Children entering foster care often confront the  
11 widespread misperception that children in foster care are  
12 disruptive, unruly, and dangerous, even though placement in foster  
13 care is based on the actions of a parent or guardian, not the  
14 child; and

15       Whereas, Foster Care Awareness Month is a time to recognize  
16 and support the efforts of those working to ensure every child has  
17 the opportunity to grow, thrive, and achieve their dreams; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
20 this legislative body declare May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness  
21 Month in the state of Michigan. We commend the dedication of those  
22 who serve children and youth in foster care, and we encourage  
23 continued community support and involvement to help meet their  
24 needs and celebrate their potential.