

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

Reps. Maddock and Hall offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to urge all public bodies in the state of  
2 Michigan to adopt the term "Gulf of America" in place of "Gulf of  
3 Mexico" in all official communications, publications, and  
4 references, and to call for immediate steps to implement this  
5 change by July 4, 2025.

6       Whereas, The terms used in official government documents  
7 reflect our identity, priorities, and shared values. Public bodies,  
8 including departments, boards, commissions, offices, agencies, and  
9 other units of state government, have an obligation to serve the  
10 public interest and reflect the values of the people they  
11 represent; and

12       Whereas, The term "Gulf of Mexico," while historically used to  
13 describe the ocean basin along the southeastern coast of the United  
14 States, does not fully capture the deep and ongoing connection of

Whereas, The state of Michigan should begin using the name "Gulf of America" rather than the name "Gulf of Mexico." Aligning with federal terminology and naming directives promotes clarity, consistency, and coordination between state and federal agencies. Moreover, the adoption of the term "Gulf of America" in official communications affirms our American identity and reinforces our cultural and geographical ties to the region; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge all public bodies in the state of Michigan - including departments, boards, commissions, offices, agencies, and other governmental units - to adopt the term "Gulf of America" in place of "Gulf of Mexico" in all official communications, publications, and references by no later than July 4, 2025; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the heads of all other state departments and agencies to take immediate administrative steps to begin implementing this change and ensure consistent usage across all state documents and platforms; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the director of each other state department for immediate consideration and action.