

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

Reps. Roth, Alexander, Breen, Fox, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare June 30-July 7, 2025, as Aquatic  
2 Invasive Species Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Michigan is known as the "Great Lake State" due to  
4 bordering four of the five Great Lakes and being home to over  
5 11,000 inland lakes. This makes the state uniquely vulnerable to  
6 aquatic invasive species that disrupt native ecosystems, threaten  
7 biodiversity, and undermine the state's outdoor economy; and

8       Whereas, Invasive species such as Asian carp, including  
9 bighead and silver carp, have made alarming advances toward the  
10 Great Lakes. These quickly reproducing, filter-feeding fish consume  
11 massive amounts of plankton and destabilize food webs that support  
12 prized native species such as lake whitefish, walleye, and perch;  
13 and

1       Whereas, These native fish species are not only ecologically  
2 important, but are also foundational to Michigan's identity,  
3 supporting a robust recreational fishing industry, culturally  
4 significant tribal fisheries, and a commercial fishery that  
5 contributes millions to the state economy each year; and

6       Whereas, Certain invasive fish species display alarming  
7 behavior, such as suddenly leaping from the water when startled.  
8 This creates hazards for boaters, anglers, and paddlers, and  
9 discourages people from enjoying Michigan's rivers, lakes, and  
10 recreational waterways; and

11       Whereas, State and federal agencies, tribal governments,  
12 universities, and nonprofit partners continue to invest in  
13 proactive strategies including biological barriers, early  
14 detection, and public education to prevent the introduction and  
15 spread of aquatic invasive species; and

16       Whereas, Public awareness is an essential line of defense in  
17 protecting Michigan's aquatic ecosystems from further invasion;  
18 now, therefore, be it

19       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
20 this legislative body declare June 30-July 7, 2025, as Aquatic  
21 Invasive Species Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We  
22 encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to join in  
23 raising awareness, reporting potential sightings, and preventing  
24 the unintentional spread of harmful invasive species in Michigan's  
25 waters.