

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 145

Reps. Mueller, Alexander, Breen, Glanville, Greene, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare July 26, 2025, as National Disability  
2 Independence Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, July 26, 2025, marks 35 years since a major milestone  
4 in our country's journey toward expanding access, opportunity, and  
5 independence for individuals with disabilities. It commemorates the  
6 anniversary of landmark federal action that helps safeguard the  
7 rights of people with disabilities; and

8       Whereas, National Disability Independence Day serves as a  
9 meaningful reminder of the progress made over decades to remove  
10 physical, social, and attitudinal barriers, to challenge stigma and  
11 outdated perceptions, and to help foster communities that are more  
12 welcoming, and supportive of individuals with disabilities; and

1       Whereas, It is estimated by the United States Census Bureau  
2       that nearly one in four, or seventy million adults, live with a  
3       disability in America. They also estimate that over 2.3 million  
4       adults in Michigan live with a disability; and

5       Whereas, For more than three decades, efforts to enhance  
6       accessibility in workplaces, schools, transportation systems, and  
7       public spaces have empowered millions of individuals to live more  
8       independently and participate fully in their communities; and

9       Whereas, Michigan's vibrant community of disability advocates,  
10      service providers, and organizations have long worked to promote  
11      awareness, accessibility, and opportunities for individuals with  
12      disabilities across the state; and

13      Whereas, For individuals with disabilities, independence is  
14      more than just self-sufficiency. It includes the ability to make  
15      personal decisions, access opportunities in education and  
16      employment, engage fully in community life, and live with dignity  
17      and self-direction; and

18      Whereas, Every person deserves respect, dignity, and the  
19      opportunity to live a self-directed life, free from discrimination  
20      and limitation; and

21      Whereas, National Disability Independence Day invites  
22      reflection on the progress made toward building more welcoming and  
23      accessible communities, and celebrates the contributions of  
24      individuals of all abilities; now, therefore, be it

25      Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
26      this legislative body declare July 26, 2025, as National Disability  
27      Independence Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage all  
28      residents to recognize and celebrate the contributions, resilience,  
29      and achievements of individuals with disabilities in every part of

1 life.