

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

Reps. Scott, Breen, Byrnes, Fitzgerald, Glanville, MacDonell, Myers-Phillips, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare August 2, 2025, as Neighborhood
2 Empowerment Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Strong, connected neighborhoods are the foundation of
4 thriving communities, and across Michigan, local leaders,
5 volunteers, faith-based organizations, nonprofits, and grassroots
6 coalitions work tirelessly to improve the places where people live,
7 learn, work, and grow; and

8 Whereas, The efforts of these community leaders have played a
9 transformative role in uniting hundreds of grassroots organizations
10 under a shared mission to uplift, restore, and empower Michigan's
11 neighborhoods, proving that collective action can create a lasting
12 impact; and

1 Whereas, These organizations have successfully mobilized
2 thousands of residents, volunteers, and stakeholders to participate
3 in beautification projects, educational events, health fairs, youth
4 programs, and artistic expressions throughout Michigan; and

5 Whereas, It is through these organizations that neighborhoods
6 across the state have fostered a culture of collaboration and civic
7 engagement, encouraging residents to take pride in their
8 communities and become active participants in their revitalization
9 and forward progress; and

10 Whereas, Initiatives such as ARISE Detroit!, founded in 2006
11 in the city of Detroit, serve as powerful examples of how locally
12 led partnerships can unite residents, amplify community voices, and
13 catalyze revitalization through annual events that mobilize
14 thousands in support of neighborhood improvement; and

15 Whereas, The vision of leaders like those in ARISE Detroit!
16 serves as a beacon of hope, resilience, and unity, as demonstrated
17 by their efforts to change the narrative around Detroit by
18 highlighting its strengths, uplifting its communities, and
19 nurturing homegrown solutions; and

20 Whereas, The commitment and dedication of those who
21 participate in these neighborhood empowerment organizations
22 continue to serve as an inspiration for communities throughout
23 Michigan, demonstrating the power of grassroots efforts in driving
24 meaningful change; now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
26 this legislative body declare August 2, 2025, as Neighborhood
27 Empowerment Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

28 Resolved, That we honor all those who participate in
29 neighborhood empowerment organizations for their unwavering

1 dedication to uplifting communities, their lasting contributions to
2 the betterment of Michigan, and their steadfast commitment to
3 elevating every neighborhood, every resident, and every voice.