

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Senators Singh, Bayer, Chang, Geiss, McMorrow and Santana
offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize March 22, 2025, as Michigan Water
2 Day.

3 Whereas, Since 1993, the United Nations has designated March
4 22 as World Water Day; and

5 Whereas, The theme of World Water Day 2025 is glacier
6 preservation, emphasizing the need for global action to manage
7 meltwater sustainably and reduce emissions, securing vital water
8 resources for the future; and

9 Whereas, The Great Lakes State was shaped by glaciers, and the
10 Great Lakes themselves contain 20 percent of the world's surface
11 freshwater that is not locked up in glaciers; and

12 Whereas, Freshwater supplies drinking water, water to grow
13 crops and support industry, water to support recreation, and water

1 essential to fish, wildlife, and healthy ecosystems; and

2 Whereas, In the past, the failure to protect water caused
3 extensive surface water and groundwater contamination in Michigan,
4 leading to cleanup costs that could have been prevented; and

5 Whereas, Even in water-rich Michigan, there are residents
6 without access to clean, safe, and affordable water, underscoring
7 the need for continued state and federal investment in our water
8 infrastructure systems; and

9 Whereas, The abundance of water that characterizes Michigan
10 confers a duty on all residents of the state to conserve and
11 protect freshwater as guardians of this legacy for future
12 generations; and

13 Whereas, Michigan's boundaries include approximately 38,000
14 square miles of Great Lakes surface water and bottomlands, an
15 endowment that state government is charged with protecting on
16 behalf of the public according to the public trust doctrine; and

17 Whereas, Water is a human right, intrinsic to every aspect of
18 life; and

19 Whereas, Indigenous communities in Michigan and across North
20 America have long held water as sacred and integral to life,
21 emphasizing the importance of sustainability and respect for
22 natural resources; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by Senate, That the members of this legislative body
24 recognize March 22, 2025, as Michigan Water Day; and be it further

25 Resolved, That we commit ourselves to the promotion of public
26 awareness to prevent our precious water from pollution and
27 depletion. On this day, we will celebrate and honor the pure water
28 in our state, country, and our world; and be it further

29 Resolved, Michigan must be vigilant about threats to Great

1 Lakes water that come from arid regions of the United States and
2 must take actions to prevent the artificial loss of water,
3 including strict enforcement of the Great Lakes Compact of 2008 and
4 continued investment in groundwater data collection, monitoring,
5 and long-term conservation measures; and be it further

6 Resolved, While we recognize the interconnectedness of
7 humanity and appreciate global challenges, we also recognize our
8 duty as Michiganders in protecting our natural resources and
9 instilling a sense of pride in ourselves and our children for the
10 Great Lakes; and be it further

11 Resolved, That we cherish and acknowledge the special
12 responsibility of protecting Michigan's waters for current and
13 future generations and of assuring access to clean water and
14 sanitation for all Michigan residents; and be it further

15 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to For
16 Love of Water with our highest esteem.