

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Reps. Rheingans, Longjohn, McFall, Rogers, Coffia, Mentzer, Price, Farhat and Conlin offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 7-13, 2025, as National Public
2 Health Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The field of public health works to prevent the
4 spread of disease, promote positive living conditions for people
5 and their communities, and prevent the loss of life; and

6 Whereas, Local public health professionals work tirelessly
7 behind the scenes to protect our drinking water, provide childhood
8 vision and hearing screenings, ensure the food our restaurants
9 serve is safe to eat, watch for the spread of disease in their
10 communities, and prepare for emergencies; and

11 Whereas, For hundreds of years, public health has evolved to
12 meet the needs of communities, greatly reducing the global under-
13 five child mortality rate by 60% since 1990, the spread of

1 preventable diseases like polio and malaria, and increasing the
2 public's knowledge of the risk that tobacco use poses; and

3 Whereas, Public health has improved maternal and infant
4 health, improved screening and prevention of cancer, stroke, and
5 cardiovascular disease, reduced the number of children poisoned by
6 lead, and increased motor vehicle safety; and

7 Whereas, From the University of Michigan, a reported 98% of
8 public health professionals after 2020 are employed or continuing
9 education within one year of graduation, adding to the clever work
10 this profession accomplishes in an abundant job market; and

11 Whereas, The American Public Health Association, founded in
12 1872 to advance the work of public health professionals, honors
13 these professionals annually; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
15 this legislative body declare April 7-13, 2025, as National Public
16 Health Week in the state of Michigan. We recognize the numerous
17 contributions made by America's public health professionals.