

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

Rep. B. Carter offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2025 as Handwriting Month in the
2 state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The ability to read and write is a fundamental aspect
4 of American society and culture; and

5 Whereas, A 2024 study has shown that writing down information,
6 as opposed to typing information, leads to better overall brain
7 connectivity and memory, especially for school-age children; and

8 Whereas, Ensuring students have access to writing education
9 will enhance their literacy skills, support their academic
10 achievement, and preserve an essential mode of written
11 communication for future generations; and

12 Whereas, Handwriting is recognized by educators throughout the
13 world as an important component of a child's education; and

14 Whereas, In addition to the importance of writing education,

1 research has shown that learning cursive writing enhances cognitive
2 development and improves fine motor skills, which supports both
3 reading comprehension and written communication; and

4 Whereas, The ability to write a cursive signature is needed on
5 many documents, including mortgages, student loans, checks, deeds,
6 titles, and more; and

7 Whereas, The founding documents of our great nation, including
8 the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution,
9 and the Bill of Rights, are written in cursive; and

10 Whereas, John Hancock, a great patriot from the Commonwealth
11 of Massachusetts, served as President of the Continental Congress
12 (1775-1777) and Governor of Massachusetts (1780-1785) and, in 1776
13 became the first to sign the Declaration of Independence, leaving a
14 large and prominent signature that made "John Hancock" synonymous
15 with handwritten signatures and the importance of penmanship in
16 American history; and

17 Whereas, The date of Hancock's birth, January 23, 1737, has
18 been recognized as National Handwriting Day since 1977, as first
19 promoted by the Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association to
20 honor the enduring significance of handwriting in civic life; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
23 this legislative body declare April 2025 as Handwriting Month in
24 the state of Michigan. We strongly support the ability of all
25 children to perform their own research, read, and write.