

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 122

Rep. Cavitt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 31-June 8, 2025, as Great Lakes
2 and Fresh Water Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan is the Great Lakes State, which contains 20%
4 of the world's fresh water. Michigan is also home to more than
5 11,000 inland lakes, tens of thousands of miles of rivers and
6 streams, 6.5 million acres of wetlands, 3,200 miles of shoreline
7 along the Great Lakes, 230,000 acres of coastal dunes, and vast
8 groundwater resources; and

9 Whereas, Fresh water is a natural resource in our state,
10 supplying drinking water and supporting state industries such as
11 industrial processes, recreation, tourism, fishing, manufacturing,
12 transportation, and agriculture; and

13 Whereas, This resource is vital to the health and physical,
14 emotional, and spiritual wellness of Michiganders and the

functioning of a healthy natural environment; and

Whereas, Michigan's waterways link the wetlands, dunes, coastal, and aquatic ecosystems of the Great Lakes and beyond; and

Whereas, Michigan's water connects Michiganders to the world through commerce, industry, and recreation; and

Whereas, Water links our communities to places and environments beyond our borders; and

Whereas, Michigan's Great Lakes economy benefits from a water-literate STEM workforce and advancing knowledge about career pathways centered around our abundant freshwater resources; and

Whereas, The infrastructure to effectively manage our water resources is key to a healthy community and strong economy; and,

Whereas, Michigan seeks to manage our surface water, groundwater, and the Great Lakes in a collaborative manner with local, state, regional, federal, tribal, and provincial partners; and

Whereas, During this week, we encourage Michiganders to learn more about the unique wonders of our Great Lakes and freshwater resources that are vital to Michigan's future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 31-June 8, 2025, as Great Lakes and Fresh Water Week in the state of Michigan.