

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

Rep. Roth offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 30-July 7, 2025, as Aquatic
2 Invasive Species Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan is known as the "Great Lake State" due to
4 bordering four of the five Great Lakes and being home to over
5 11,000 inland lakes. This makes the state uniquely vulnerable to
6 aquatic invasive species that disrupt native ecosystems, threaten
7 biodiversity, and undermine the state's outdoor economy; and

8 Whereas, Invasive species such as Asian carp, including
9 bighead and silver carp, have made alarming advances toward the
10 Great Lakes. These quickly reproducing, filter-feeding fish consume
11 massive amounts of plankton and destabilize food webs that support
12 prized native species such as lake whitefish, walleye, and perch;
13 and

14 Whereas, These native fish species are not only ecologically

1 important, but are also foundational to Michigan's identity,
2 supporting a robust recreational fishing industry, culturally
3 significant tribal fisheries, and a commercial fishery that
4 contributes millions to the state economy each year; and

5 Whereas, Certain invasive fish species display alarming
6 behavior, such as suddenly leaping from the water when startled.
7 This creates hazards for boaters, anglers, and paddlers, and
8 discourages people from enjoying Michigan's rivers, lakes, and
9 recreational waterways; and

10 Whereas, State and federal agencies, tribal governments,
11 universities, and nonprofit partners continue to invest in
12 proactive strategies including biological barriers, early
13 detection, and public education to prevent the introduction and
14 spread of aquatic invasive species; and

15 Whereas, Public awareness is an essential line of defense in
16 protecting Michigan's aquatic ecosystems from further invasion;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare June 30-July 7, 2025, as Aquatic
20 Invasive Species Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We
21 encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to join in
22 raising awareness, reporting potential sightings, and preventing
23 the unintentional spread of harmful invasive species in Michigan's
24 waters.