

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 145

Rep. Mueller offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare July 26, 2025, as National Disability
2 Independence Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, July 26, 2025, marks 35 years since a major milestone
4 in our country's journey toward expanding access, opportunity, and
5 independence for individuals with disabilities. It commemorates the
6 anniversary of landmark federal action that helps safeguard the
7 rights of people with disabilities; and

8 Whereas, National Disability Independence Day serves as a
9 meaningful reminder of the progress made over decades to remove
10 physical, social, and attitudinal barriers, to challenge stigma and
11 outdated perceptions, and to help foster communities that are more
12 welcoming, and supportive of individuals with disabilities; and

13 Whereas, It is estimated by the United States Census Bureau
14 that nearly one in four, or seventy million adults, live with a

1 disability in America. They also estimate that over 2.3 million
2 adults in Michigan live with a disability; and

3 Whereas, For more than three decades, efforts to enhance
4 accessibility in workplaces, schools, transportation systems, and
5 public spaces have empowered millions of individuals to live more
6 independently and participate fully in their communities; and

7 Whereas, Michigan's vibrant community of disability advocates,
8 service providers, and organizations have long worked to promote
9 awareness, accessibility, and opportunities for individuals with
10 disabilities across the state; and

11 Whereas, For individuals with disabilities, independence is
12 more than just self-sufficiency. It includes the ability to make
13 personal decisions, access opportunities in education and
14 employment, engage fully in community life, and live with dignity
15 and self-direction; and

16 Whereas, Every person deserves respect, dignity, and the
17 opportunity to live a self-directed life, free from discrimination
18 and limitation; and

19 Whereas, National Disability Independence Day invites
20 reflection on the progress made toward building more welcoming and
21 accessible communities, and celebrates the contributions of
22 individuals of all abilities; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
24 this legislative body declare July 26, 2025, as National Disability
25 Independence Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage all
26 residents to recognize and celebrate the contributions, resilience,
27 and achievements of individuals with disabilities in every part of
28 life.