



OFFICIAL FLAG MONTH

**House Bill 5129 as introduced
First Analysis (10-29-97)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Paul Wojno
Committee: Regulatory Affairs**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The United States flag is a symbol imbued with many of the values and ideals embraced by many of the citizens of this nation and of the state of Michigan. Many believe that displaying the United States flag on one's own property is an admirable expression of patriotism and support for this country's values and ideals. It is also seen as way of remembering and honoring those who have given their lives in service of this country and as a way of expressing support for the men and women who are currently dedicated to protecting and preserving this country's values and ideals, especially those who serve in the armed forces.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would designate June 14 through July 14 each year as the official flag month of Michigan.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no fiscal impact. (10-23-97)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

More than any other symbol of the United States, the U.S. flag is seen to represent all that is good and noble and right about this country. When it is displayed it projects the image of strength and freedom and instills a sense of pride in citizens. Given the beauty of the flag and all that it represents, it should be displayed more often. Although the flag month created by the bill does not require citizens to fly the flag during that time, it is hoped that it will encourage citizens to show their pride in their country by doing so.

POSITIONS:

There are no positions on the bill.

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