

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

Senators Bumstead, Lucido, Bizon, Wojno, Outman, Bayer, Victory, VanderWall and Hollier offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize July 2019 as Michigan Wildlife
2 Conservation Month.

3 Whereas, Michigan's natural beauty, abundant wildlife, and
4 plentiful waters are enjoyed from Belle Isle to Baraga by millions
5 of residents and visitors, and should be preserved and protected
6 for future generations; and

7 Whereas, Hunters and fishermen were among the first
8 conservationists, pushing for active wildlife management and
9 conservation to ensure wildlife would flourish forever; and

10 Whereas, Science-based wildlife management and conservation
11 decisions such as actively enhancing habitat, monitoring wildlife

1 populations, preventing the spread of disease, and regulating
2 hunting and fishing seasons help balance our use of natural
3 resources with the needs of Michigan's wildlife; and

4 Whereas, As a result of these protections, regulations, and
5 extensive conservation efforts, Michigan populations of elk, wild
6 turkey, white-tailed deer, lake sturgeon, and many other species
7 have rebounded from near extinction; 11,000 inland lakes and 36,000
8 miles of rivers and streams are safeguarded from invasive species;
9 abundant wildlife habitat and wildfire risk are improved by forest
10 management; and

11 Whereas, July 1, 2019, marks the eighty-first anniversary of
12 the effective date for the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in
13 Wildlife Restoration Act, which provides funding for wildlife
14 management projects across the nation through the purchase of
15 hunting equipment; and

16 Whereas, Hunting and fishing licenses, not state taxes,
17 provide tens of millions of dollars each year for wildlife
18 conservation; and

19 Whereas, Annually, hunters and anglers contribute \$11.2
20 billion to Michigan's economy and create 171,000 jobs, making those
21 combined activities one of the state's top 10 job-creating
22 industries, according to a recent study by the Michigan United
23 Conservation Clubs; and

24 Whereas, This resolution coincides with the fifth anniversary
25 of the creation of the Michigan Wildlife Council, a bipartisan-
26 approved panel entrusted with educating the public about the
27 importance of wildlife management in preserving Michigan's outdoor
28 heritage for future generations; and

29 Whereas, In large part because of the council's activities,

1 more Michiganders than ever before are aware of the essential role
2 hunting and fishing play in conserving, managing, and protecting
3 Michigan's wildlife; now, therefore, be it

4 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
5 body recognize July 2019 as Michigan Wildlife Conservation Month;
6 and be it further

7 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
8 Michigan Wildlife Council.