

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Senators McCann, Geiss and Hertel offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate April 2023 as Community College
2 Month.

3 Whereas, Community College Month is an appropriate time to
4 acknowledge community colleges and the important contributions they
5 make to the richness and accessibility of post-secondary education;
6 and

7 Whereas, The leaders and staff of community colleges are fully
8 devoted to the praiseworthy mission of providing relevant academic
9 and technical coursework leading to industry-recognized
10 credentials; and

11 Whereas, Each year, Michigan's community colleges enroll

1 270,000 students while granting 19,400 degrees and 6,100
2 certificates. In Michigan, 52 percent of students who earn
3 bachelor's degrees have completed courses at a community college;
4 and

5 Whereas, Investing in community colleges helps meet the real
6 and immediate challenges of economic development, student
7 achievement, and competitiveness; and

8 Whereas, Students of all ages and backgrounds who attend these
9 exceptional schools receive a superb education and earn degrees,
10 certificates, and training that help them become skilled members of
11 a workforce that propels economic growth and encourages learning
12 and culture; and

13 Whereas, The strength and success of Michigan's community
14 colleges, the vitality of its communities, and the effectiveness of
15 our American society depend upon excellent organizations,
16 exemplified by community colleges; and

17 Whereas, We honor and salute Michigan's 31 community and
18 tribal colleges in recognition of April 2023 as Michigan Community
19 College Month; and

20 Whereas, It is altogether proper and fitting for this
21 legislative body to pause in its deliberations and recognize
22 Michigan's community colleges, affirming their importance to the
23 citizens of this state; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
25 body designate April 2023 as Community College Month; and be it
26 further

27 Resolved, That we urge the continued awareness of community
28 college job training for Michigan students to ensure the
29 sustainability of our workforce for the years to come.