

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 138

Rep. Hall offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2023 as Taxpayer Appreciation
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Every government institution, official, and program
4 in Michigan is reliant on funding provided by the taxpayers of this
5 state; and

6 Whereas, During fiscal year 2022, Michigan collected \$40.1
7 billion in taxes, contributing to the largest budget in the history
8 of this state at \$81,658,860,6002; and

9 Whereas, The most recently approved budget for the State of
10 Michigan is 40% larger than the budget approved five years prior;
11 and

12 Whereas, A sacred duty exists for the individuals who are

1 entrusted to craft our state budget. We have a duty to be mindful
2 of where this funding comes from and to appropriate it in a manner
3 that benefits all the people of this state; and

4 Whereas, Michiganders have an expectation that we will not be
5 reckless or wasteful when spending their hard-earned dollars, and
6 that we will avoid the pitfalls of "pork barrel" special projects
7 that can erode the effectiveness of a budget; and

8 Whereas, Taxpayers expect their government to be prepared in
9 times of economic downturn and budget wisely enough to avoid
10 significant reductions in essential services like funding for
11 infrastructure, education, and public safety; and

12 Whereas, Tax increases, such as those supported by a
13 substantial number of Democrat leaders in Michigan, are borne by
14 the taxpayer; and

15 Whereas, During times of high inflation, taxpayers may feel
16 increased economic pressure that places a greater emphasis on
17 avoiding out-of-control government spending meant to advance
18 liberal agendas; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare October 2023 as Taxpayer Appreciation
21 Month in the state of Michigan.