

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 212

Reps. Hood, Rogers, Coffia, Scott, MacDonell, Dievendorf, Steckloff, Price and Farhat offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 22, 2024, as Michigan Water Day
2 and World Water Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Since 1993, the United Nations has designated March
4 22nd as World Water Day; and

5 Whereas, The theme of World Water Day 2024 is "water for
6 peace", illuminating ways water can promote peace across national
7 boundaries"; and

8 Whereas, Water is not only a resource to be used and competed
9 over - it is a human right, intrinsic to every aspect of life; and

10 Whereas, The long-running, close partnership between the U.S.
11 and Canada in stewarding the Great Lakes offers a globally

1 significant example of the peaceful prevention and resolution of
2 binational water disputes; and

3 Whereas, Worsening water scarcity in arid regions of the U.S.
4 raises the specter of demands from those regions for diversions of
5 Great Lakes water; and

6 Whereas, Water is a human right; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
8 this legislative body declare March 22, 2024, as Michigan Water Day
9 and World Water Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

10 Resolved, That we commit ourselves to promotion of public
11 awareness to prevent our precious water from pollution and
12 depletion. On this day, we will celebrate and honor the pure water
13 in our state, our country, and our world; and be it further

14 Resolved, That our state must be vigilant about threats to
15 Great Lakes water that come from arid regions of the U.S., and must
16 take actions to prevent the artificial loss of water, including
17 strict enforcement of the Great Lakes Compact of 2008; and be it
18 further

19 Resolved, That while we recognize the interconnectedness of
20 humanity and appreciate global challenges, we also recognize our
21 duty as Michiganders in protecting our natural resources and
22 instilling a sense of pride in ourselves and our children for our
23 Great Lakes; and be it further

24 Resolved, That we cherish and acknowledge the special
25 responsibility of protecting Michigan's waters for current and
26 future generations and of assuring access to clean water and
27 sanitation for all Michigan residents.