

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 242

Reps. Young, O'Neal, Brabec, Hood, McFall, Rheingans, Glanville, Pohutsky, Paiz, McKinney and Brenda Carter offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 1, 2024, as Older Michiganians Day
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, According to the 2021 American Community Survey five-
4 year data set, 2,438,552 Michiganians are age 60 or older, equating
5 to 1 of every 4 citizens being an older adult as defined by the
6 Older Americans Act; and

7 Whereas, There are more older adults than children under the
8 age of 18 in our state (2,188,856); and

9 Whereas, There are more older adults than pre-k through 12th
10 grade students in our state (1,624,039); and

1 Whereas, Ten thousand Americans celebrate their 65th birthday
2 every day and become eligible for Medicare; and

3 Whereas, Older Michiganians are critical to Michigan's
4 economy, workforce, educational systems, faith-based institutions,
5 charitable organizations, and institutions of government; and

6 Whereas, Many amongst them survived the Great Depression,
7 sacrificed at home and abroad to defeat fascism and imperialism in
8 World War II, built the post-war American economy, advocated for
9 civil rights, led our state into the 21st Century and have now
10 lived through the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

11 Whereas, Older adults deserve our utmost respect and gratitude
12 for their many contributions to our communities. Older citizens
13 play vital leadership, volunteer, and mentoring roles all across
14 our great state. Their lifetime contributions are immense and
15 immeasurable in sum, while also being deeply personal, impactful,
16 and meaningful on an individual basis; and

17 Whereas, Older adults are one of our state's greatest
18 resources for understanding our past and improving our future. They
19 are truly a foundation upon which we can build a better tomorrow;
20 and

21 Whereas, This invaluable group of citizens is being honored
22 and admired for their many years of service in communities large
23 and small across the entire state of Michigan. They have been an
24 indispensable source of knowledge and inspiration throughout the
25 years; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body declare May 1, 2024, as Older Michiganians
28 Day in the state of Michigan. We honor our state's population of
29 older citizens.