

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.245

Reps. Andrews, Wegela, Tsernoglou, Brabec, Hope, Brixie, Conlin, MacDonell, Martus, McFall, Skaggs, Rheingans, Morgan, Arbit, Shannon, Weiss, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Koleszar, Wilson, Haadsma, McKinney, Rogers and Churches offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 1, 2024, as International Workers'
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, May 1 is globally recognized as International
4 Workers' Day and is publicly celebrated in over 80 countries; and

5 Whereas, This international day of labor celebrates the
6 contribution of workers, promotes workers' rights, and commemorates
7 the historic struggles and gains made by workers and the labor
8 movement; and

9 Whereas, May 1 commemorates the events of the Haymarket Affair

1 and the associated general strike, which led to the establishment
2 of an important day of remembrance and a long-lasting call to
3 action; and

4 Whereas, International Workers' Day is the declaration of the
5 labor movement's demands to improve the working conditions of
6 workers, such as better pay, shorter working days, and safer worker
7 conditions; and

8 Whereas, We celebrate International Workers' Day as a yearly
9 expression of these demands; and

10 Whereas, We honor the bitter struggles of the working class
11 and the many sufferings of the past; and

12 Whereas, The United Auto Workers was formed in Detroit in 1935
13 during the Flint Sit-Down Strike, putting Michigan at the forefront
14 of the modern labor movement as America struggled with the distress
15 of the Great Depression; and

16 Whereas, Michigan continues its legacy as a leader in the
17 national labor movement and its efforts to bring economic justice
18 and social justice to our state and nation; and

19 Whereas, Recognition of the integrity of Michigan's workforce
20 and its achievements is important in advancing the economic growth
21 of our state; and

22 Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives wishes to
23 respect and highlight the contributions of Michigan's workforce to
24 the State and all of society; and

25 Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives renews our
26 efforts to improve working conditions, including workplace safety
27 and health protections, better standards, and enforcement, and fair
28 and just compensation; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

- 1 this legislative body declare May 1, 2024, as International
- 2 Workers' Day in the state of Michigan.