

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 281

Reps. McKinney, Morse, Brabec, Farhat, Skaggs, Martus, Conlin, MacDonell, Arbit, Tsernoglou, Dievendorf, Grant, Rheingans, McFall, Haadsma, Young, Hoskins, Morgan, O'Neal, Neeley, Scott, Rogers and Aiyash offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare June 13, 2024, as CVI Day in the state  
2 of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Community violence, which includes homicide and non-  
4 fatal shootings, causes substantial harm and trauma to communities  
5 across Michigan, especially in racially segregated and historically  
6 disinvested neighborhoods. Community violence continues to be a  
7 significant and growing public health problem; and

8           Whereas, People who live in communities experiencing violence  
9 are at a higher risk for developing chronic diseases and may have

1 limited opportunities to engage in healthy behaviors, such as using  
2 recreational spaces and accessing healthy food outlets; and

3       Whereas, The need for effective violence intervention  
4 strategies is evident across various Michigan municipalities,  
5 including Muskegon Heights, Detroit, Benton Harbor, Jackson, Harper  
6 Woods, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Albion, where crime  
7 rates exceed state and national averages, posing significant  
8 challenges to public safety and community well-being; and

9       Whereas, The state of Michigan has made significant investment  
10 in Community Violence Intervention programs, including recently  
11 announcing a new director of the newly created Office of Community  
12 Violence Intervention Services in the Executive Office, to partner  
13 with community-based organizations and local communities working to  
14 reduce violent incidents by providing grants and other resources to  
15 community violence prevention agencies; and

16       Whereas, As dedicated advocates for community violence  
17 intervention programs have shown, we have witnessed significant  
18 success in reducing violence within the city of Detroit, achieving  
19 a remarkable 72% decrease in the Cody Rouge neighborhood since  
20 January 2024 and a 57-year low in homicide city wide; and

21       Whereas, We firmly believe that extending this recognition  
22 statewide will amplify our collective efforts to foster safer  
23 communities and combat the root causes of violence; and

24       Whereas, By declaring June 13th as CVI Day, Michigan has an  
25 opportunity to honor the invaluable contributions of organizations  
26 and individuals dedicated to community violence intervention and to  
27 mobilize support for comprehensive, statewide initiatives focused  
28 on violence reduction and community resilience; now, therefore, be  
29 it

1           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
2 this legislative body declare June 13, 2024, as CVI Day in the  
3 state of Michigan. We recognize and honor the remarkable people and  
4 organizations for their tireless dedication and innovative efforts  
5 to raise awareness and promote proactive measures to address  
6 community violence, acknowledging the critical importance of  
7 community-driven intervention efforts; and be it further

8           Resolved, That we encourage all Michiganders to use this day  
9 as an opportunity to support Community Violence Intervention  
10 initiatives for its unwavering commitment to providing vital  
11 learning opportunities for the youth of Michigan to strengthen  
12 their financial literacy.