

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Senator McCann offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate April 2023 as Community College
2 Month.

3 Whereas, Community College Month is an appropriate time to
4 acknowledge community colleges and the important contributions they
5 make to the richness and accessibility of post-secondary education;
6 and

7 Whereas, The leaders and staff of community colleges are fully
8 devoted to the praiseworthy mission of providing relevant academic
9 and technical coursework leading to industry-recognized
10 credentials; and

11 Whereas, Each year, Michigan's community colleges enroll
12 270,000 students while granting 19,400 degrees and 6,100

1 certificates. In Michigan, 52 percent of students who earn
2 bachelor's degrees have completed courses at a community college;
3 and

4 Whereas, Investing in community colleges helps meet the real
5 and immediate challenges of economic development, student
6 achievement, and competitiveness; and

7 Whereas, Students of all ages and backgrounds who attend these
8 exceptional schools receive a superb education and earn degrees,
9 certificates, and training that help them become skilled members of
10 a workforce that propels economic growth and encourages learning
11 and culture; and

12 Whereas, The strength and success of Michigan's community
13 colleges, the vitality of its communities, and the effectiveness of
14 our American society depend upon excellent organizations,
15 exemplified by community colleges; and

16 Whereas, We honor and salute Michigan's 31 community and
17 tribal colleges in recognition of April 2023 as Michigan Community
18 College Month; and

19 Whereas, It is altogether proper and fitting for this
20 legislative body to pause in its deliberations and recognize
21 Michigan's community colleges, affirming their importance to the
22 citizens of this state; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
24 body designate April 2023 as Community College Month; and be it
25 further

26 Resolved, That we urge the continued awareness of community
27 college job training for Michigan students to ensure the
28 sustainability of our workforce for the years to come.