

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

Reps. Thompson, Alexander, Fitzgerald, Greene, Johnsen, MacDonell, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 11, 2025, as Community Volunteer
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Volunteers are a vital resource and have contributed
4 to the health, education, welfare, recreation, culture, and
5 environment of the state of Michigan; and

6 Whereas, One in twenty children will have lost a parent by the
7 age of sixteen. This creates a significant amount of trauma for
8 that child. Many times, it creates financial burdens on top of
9 grief that were not there before. Families are left with little
10 guidance and support on how to navigate through the grief process
11 and also life as it was known before; and

12 Whereas, There are community volunteer organizations dedicated

1 to providing guidance, stability, and financial assistance to
2 families with children who have lost one or both parents. This all-
3 too-common tragedy transcends the lines of race, religion, and
4 status and often forces children to prematurely assume the burden
5 of adult responsibility; and

6 Whereas, In addition to immediate financial resources for
7 living expenses, there are community volunteer organizations that
8 attempt to provide at least some semblance of the parent's
9 mentoring hand, now reduced to memories and photographs; and

10 Whereas, The hard work and commitment of volunteers have
11 enriched and vitalized the efforts of the local communities across
12 the state; and

13 Whereas, We wish to celebrate Michigan Local Community
14 Volunteers, thanking them for their selfless efforts and
15 dedication; and,

16 Whereas, It is appropriate that a day should be set apart for
17 the appreciation of volunteers in the local community and their
18 impact on Michigan's citizens; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare March 11, 2025, as Community
21 Volunteer Day in the state of Michigan.