

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 122

Reps. Cavitt, Alexander, Fox, Lightner, MacDonell, Paiz, Rigas, Rogers, Weiss, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 31-June 8, 2025, as Great Lakes
2 and Fresh Water Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan is the Great Lakes State, which contains 20%
4 of the world's fresh water. Michigan is also home to more than
5 11,000 inland lakes, tens of thousands of miles of rivers and
6 streams, 6.5 million acres of wetlands, 3,200 miles of shoreline
7 along the Great Lakes, 230,000 acres of coastal dunes, and vast
8 groundwater resources; and

9 Whereas, Fresh water is a natural resource in our state,
10 supplying drinking water and supporting state industries such as
11 industrial processes, recreation, tourism, fishing, manufacturing,
12 transportation, and agriculture; and

1 Whereas, This resource is vital to the health and physical,
2 emotional, and spiritual wellness of Michiganders and the
3 functioning of a healthy natural environment; and

4 Whereas, Michigan's waterways link the wetlands, dunes,
5 coastal, and aquatic ecosystems of the Great Lakes and beyond; and

6 Whereas, Michigan's water connects Michiganders to the world
7 through commerce, industry, and recreation; and

8 Whereas, Water links our communities to places and
9 environments beyond our borders; and

10 Whereas, Michigan's Great Lakes economy benefits from a water-
11 literate STEM workforce and advancing knowledge about career
12 pathways centered around our abundant freshwater resources; and

13 Whereas, The infrastructure to effectively manage our water
14 resources is key to a healthy community and strong economy; and,

15 Whereas, Michigan seeks to manage our surface water,
16 groundwater, and the Great Lakes in a collaborative manner with
17 local, state, regional, federal, tribal, and provincial partners;
18 and

19 Whereas, During this week, we encourage Michiganders to learn
20 more about the unique wonders of our Great Lakes and freshwater
21 resources that are vital to Michigan's future; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
24 this legislative body declare May 31-June 8, 2025, as Great Lakes
25 and Fresh Water Week in the state of Michigan.