

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

Senators Anthony, Damoose, Geiss, Lauwers, Theis and Webber offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate April 2025 as Community College
2 Month.

3 Whereas, In Michigan, there are 28 community and three tribal
4 colleges that are vital to our state's post-secondary network,
5 boosting access and affordability while driving workforce
6 development; and

7 Whereas, The dedicated leaders and staff of our community
8 colleges deliver academic and technical coursework that culminates
9 in industry-recognized credentials, equipping students with
10 essential skills; and

11 Whereas, Michigan's community colleges help students navigate
12 post-secondary education, identifying wrap-around support and
13 resources to meet individual needs for continued success; and

1 Whereas, Community colleges are imperative in Michigan's goal
2 to increase the number of working-age adults with a skill
3 certificate or college degree to 60 percent by 2030, which is
4 critical to our state's evolving economy; and

5 Whereas, Our community colleges enroll 283,000 students, grant
6 20,200 degrees each year, and 10,500 certificates each year, while
7 52 percent of students who earn bachelor's degrees in Michigan have
8 completed courses at a community college; and

9 Whereas, Since its inception in February 2021, the Michigan
10 Reconnect program has enabled more than 66,500 Michiganders,
11 including 12,500 aged 21-24, to enroll in community or tribal
12 colleges tuition-free, with over 8,100 individuals having
13 successfully earned their credentials; and

14 Whereas, The Michigan Achievement Scholarship Community
15 College Guarantee has benefited over 18,000 students, saving
16 families an average of over \$2,100 per year, thereby expanding
17 access to higher education and strengthening the state's skilled
18 workforce; and

19 Whereas, The continued investment in community and tribal
20 colleges will help meet the very real and immediate challenges of
21 our student achievement, competitiveness, and economic development;
22 and

23 Whereas, Celebrating Community College Month underscores the
24 indispensable role these institutions play in serving students in
25 Michigan, while also highlighting their significant contributions
26 to state progress through affordable education, practical training,
27 and robust community support; now, therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
29 body designate April 2025 as Community College Month.