

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 84

Reps. Meerman, Mentzer, Rheingans, Outman and Miller offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, May is recognized nationally as Foster Care Awareness
4 Month, providing an opportunity to increase awareness of the
5 experiences of children and youth in foster care and to celebrate
6 those who support them; and

7 Whereas, This month serves as a time to honor the commitment
8 of foster families, kinship caregivers, child welfare
9 professionals, mentors, advocates, and volunteers who offer care,
10 guidance, and stability to children and youth in the foster care
11 system; and

12 Whereas, In Michigan, approximately 10,000 children are in
13 foster care or residential placement due to abuse or neglect, each

1 deserving of a safe, nurturing environment and a sense of
2 belonging; and

3 Whereas, Many children in foster care benefit from placements
4 with relatives or kin, which can offer greater stability,
5 continuity, and connection to family and culture; and

6 Whereas, Children and youth in foster care face unique
7 challenges and often demonstrate remarkable strength, resilience,
8 and potential; and

9 Whereas, Children entering foster care often confront the
10 widespread misperception that children in foster care are
11 disruptive, unruly, and dangerous, even though placement in foster
12 care is based on the actions of a parent or guardian, not the
13 child; and

14 Whereas, Foster Care Awareness Month is a time to recognize
15 and support the efforts of those working to ensure every child has
16 the opportunity to grow, thrive, and achieve their dreams; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness
20 Month in the state of Michigan. We commend the dedication of those
21 who serve children and youth in foster care, and we encourage
22 continued community support and involvement to help meet their
23 needs and celebrate their potential.