

# SENATE BILL No. 222

March 18, 2015, Introduced by Senators KNEZEK, BIEDA, SCHMIDT, ROCCA, HERTEL, BOOHER, HORN, GREGORY, HILDENBRAND, O'BRIEN, SCHUITMAKER, COLBECK, MARLEAU, MACGREGOR, KNOLLENBERG, ANANICH, ZORN, HOOD, ROBERTSON, JOHNSON, HOPGOOD, WARREN, SMITH, HUNE, BRANDENBURG, EMMONS, NOFS, SHIRKEY, HANSEN, PROOS, PAVLOV, STAMAS, CASPERSON, JONES, KOWALL, YOUNG, GREEN and MEEKHOF and referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to designate February 1 of each year as "Blue Star Mothers Day".

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that Blue Star Mothers is a  
2 national organization of mothers whose sons and daughters serve  
3 honorably in the nation's armed forces. Blue Star Mothers was  
4 founded in Flint, Michigan, in 1942. The purposes and activities of  
5 Blue Star Mothers include all of the following:

6       (a) Perpetuating the memory of the men and women who have  
7 served our country as members of the armed forces.

8       (b) Welcoming home returning veterans.

9       (c) Visiting wounded veterans in hospitals and rehabilitation  
10 centers.

11       (d) Assisting in veterans' ceremonies.

1 (e) Attending patriotic rallies and meetings.

2 (f) Maintaining true allegiance to the government of the  
3 United States.

4 (g) Upholding the American institutions of freedom, justice,  
5 and equal rights.

6 (h) Caring for the unsupported mothers who gave their sons and  
7 daughters to the service of the nation.

8 (i) Providing moral support for members.

9 (2) In recognition of the contributions that Blue Star Mothers  
10 has made to our state and nation, the legislature declares that  
11 February 1 of each year shall be known as "Blue Star Mothers Day".