

Substitute for House Resolution No. 167.

A resolution to declare October 2015 as Apple Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Apples are one of the largest and most valuable fruit crops in Michigan; and

Whereas, The apple industry's annual economic impact is estimated at \$700 – 900 million; and

Whereas, Michigan is the third-largest apple producing state in the nation; and

Whereas, There are more than 9.2 million apple trees in commercial production, covering 36,500 acres on 850 family-run farms in Michigan; and

Whereas, Michigan apple growers produce more than 18 varieties of apples, available in grocery stores, supermarkets, farm markets, cider mills and U-picks; and

Whereas, Eating Michigan apples regularly can contribute to good health; and

Whereas, Michigan apple growers are expected to harvest 24 million bushels of apples in 2015; and

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 2015 as Apple Month in the state of Michigan.