

Substitute for House Resolution No. 176.

A resolution to declare October 24, 2015, as United Nations Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The United Nations was founded on October 24th, 1945, directly following the events of World War II and the tragedy of the Holocaust. It is important that we, as citizens of a United Nations Member State, recognize this important day to reaffirm our commitment to helping others and working together for a more peaceful world; and

Whereas, United Nations Day marks the anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations as well as the United Nations Charter of 1945 which declares that the organization will maintain international peace and security. War and injustices of the early to mid-twentieth century motivated the founding members to compose this charter which, stated in its preamble, aims to save future generations from the scourge of war and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights; and

Whereas, October 24 has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948. The United Nations serves people of all backgrounds and is committed to upholding the values of human rights. It is with great honor and appreciation that we take this time to commend the United Nations for its 70 years of diplomacy and all it has done in the name of peace for our world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 24, 2015, as United Nations Day in the state of Michigan. We commend this truly remarkable international institution that has helped promote a standard for human rights and tranquility.