

SR-97, As Adopted by Senate, September 30, 2015

Senator MacGregor offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 97.

A resolution to designate October 21, 2015, as Hunger Solutions Day.

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan's mission is to create a food-secure state through advocacy, resource management, and collaboration among stakeholders and Michigan's unified food bank network; and

Whereas, 16.4 percent of Michigan residents regularly face hunger in their household; and

Whereas, 20.9 percent of Michigan children do not have a consistent source of healthy, nutritious food; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan represents regional food banks that serve all 83 counties in the state; and

Whereas, Michigan food banks distribute food and resources to direct service agencies, including pantries, after-school programs, and senior centers; and

Whereas, Food banks in Michigan coordinate outreach and educational programs throughout the year to promote healthy and responsible choices that affect hunger; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan organizes surplus donations from Michigan farmers in order to make available fresh, nutritious produce in the emergency food system; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan coordinates the statewide food and fund drive, Michigan Harvest Gathering, which has secured over 54 million meals since 1991; and

Whereas, Together, the Food Bank Council of Michigan and Michigan food banks are committed to increasing access to nutritious food through programs and food distribution services; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan advocates for policy in support of food security for all Michigan residents; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan can be proud to encourage the collaborative and innovative strategies which bring food security to families, individuals, and communities that are desperately in need of support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby designate October 21, 2015, as Hunger Solutions Day in the state of Michigan.