

SR47, As Adopted by Senate, April 25, 2017

Senator Ananich offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 47.

A resolution to commemorate May 1, 2017, as Law Day.

Whereas, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our nation's and state of Michigan's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and

Whereas, The American justice system is charged with upholding and protecting the rights, as well as the freedom and justice, of all Americans; and

Whereas, Congress issued a joint resolution in 1961 declaring May 1 as Law Day, which is a national day to recognize and celebrate our justice system and the rule of law; and

Whereas, The Law Day 2017 theme, "The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy" recognizes the numerous contributions to American law and society of one of the most often cited constitutional enactments; and

Whereas, The Fourteenth Amendment in the nearly century and a half, that has elapsed since its ratification, has greatly expanded the constitutional protections available to all through its clauses guaranteeing due process and equal protections; and

Whereas, The Fourteenth Amendment constitutionally defined national citizenship for the first time and guaranteed that the privileges or immunities of United States citizenship would not be denied to any individual citizen; and

Whereas, The Fourteenth Amendment has served as the basis of and inspiration for landmark civil rights legislation and court decisions protecting and advancing the rights of Americans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate May 1, 2017, as Law Day in the state of Michigan. We urge acknowledgement of the importance of our legal and judicial systems with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to display the flag of the United States and the state of Michigan in support of this educational observance; and be it further

Resolved, That the citizens, schools, businesses, media, religious institutions, civic, and service organizations of the state of Michigan are encouraged to use this occasion to commemorate Law Day.