

**SR79, As Adopted by Senate, September 6, 2017**

Senator Jones offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 79.**

A resolution commemorating the week of September 23-29, 2017, as Michigan Masons Week.

Whereas, There are currently 287 Masonic Lodges in operation in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The Michigan Masons was organized in 1826, while Freemasonry--as we know it today--dates its formal beginnings to 1717 and is the oldest and largest goodwill fraternity in the world; and

Whereas, The purpose of the Masons is to be the first choice of men of quality regardless of race, religion or creed, and live a life founded on the highest standards of ethics, honesty, and strength of character; and

Whereas, Freemasonry in Michigan accomplishes this by creating a growing, active, and relevant organization of great appeal that is well known and respected for making a difference; and

Whereas, The Mission of the Masons is, "Love your Brother, Help those in need, and Seek Truth"; and

Whereas, Masonic Lodges from Michigan will begin performing state-wide community outreach activities in their areas during the week of September 23-29, 2017; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate the week of September 23-29, 2017, as Michigan Masons Week. We encourage all of Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and goals of this effort