

Rep. Greig offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 149.

A resolution to declare September 15-24, 2017, as Welcoming Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan is proud to partner with Welcoming America and Welcoming Michigan; and

Whereas, Welcoming America and Welcoming Michigan aim to build cooperation, respect, and compassion among all in our community, immigrants and non-immigrants alike; and

Whereas, Michigan has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place, where people, families, and institutions thrive, and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

Whereas, Approximately 650,000 Michigan residents are foreign born. Michigan is also home to 6,430 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals beneficiaries, otherwise known as “Dreamers”, and an estimated 45,000 seasonal agricultural workers in Michigan; and

Whereas, Foreign-born residents are responsible for 76 percent of patents issued to Michigan research universities and compromise 25 percent of software developers, doctors, and engineers in the state; and

Whereas, Michigan’s economy, industries, and communities are stronger and more prosperous when we welcome all people to our state; and

Whereas, Residents of Michigan demonstrate our highest American values of acceptance and equality and treat newcomers with decency and respect, creating a vibrant community for all to live in the Great Lakes State; and

Whereas, Michigan remains resolute in its commitment to continue fostering a neighborly and welcoming atmosphere in our community, where all are welcome, accepted, and appreciated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 15-24, 2017, as Welcoming Week in the state of Michigan. We urge residents and elected officials of our state to do their part and join with the initiative and affirm Michigan as a welcoming state that respects the innate dignity of all people.