

Senator MacGregor offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 23.

A Resolution to commemorate March 21, 2017, 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, Over sixteen percent of Michigan residents regularly face hunger in their household; and nearly twenty-one percent of our 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, Our food banks also 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 our 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 residents; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan is 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 commemorate March 21, 2017, as Hunger Solutions Day.