

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 83

Reps. Chirkun, Kuppa, Sabo, Wittenberg, Coleman, Elder, Peterson, Witwer, Calley, Slagh, Sowerby, Pagan, Cynthia Johnson, Clemente, Brixie, Lasinski, Sneller, Cherry, Gay-Dagnogo, Howell, Jones, Crawford, Garza, Haadsma, Hood, Hope, Kahle, Liberati, Pohutsky, Rendon, Shannon, Stone and Webber offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare May 2019 as Foster Care Awareness  
2   Month in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, There is nothing more precious to Michigan than the  
4   healthy growth and development of the young people who will  
5   determine the future direction of our state; and

6       Whereas, The family, serving as the primary source of love,  
7   identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our  
8   communities and our state; and



1       Whereas, In Michigan, there are nearly 13,000 children and  
2 youths in the foster care system who are being provided a safe,  
3 secure, and stable home environment along with the compassion and  
4 nurturing of a foster or relative foster family; and

5       Whereas, Foster families open their homes and hearts to  
6 children whose families are in crisis and thus they play a vital  
7 role in helping children and families heal, reconnect, and launch  
8 children into successful adulthood; and

9       Whereas, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster  
10 children resulting in a continual need for more foster families;  
11 and

12       Whereas, Foster Care Awareness Month in the state of Michigan  
13 is an appropriate opportunity to thank the families who embrace the  
14 often thankless responsibility of providing a home and family to  
15 children in need of affection, love, and security, and to support  
16 the efforts of those who dedicate their time to children in and  
17 leaving foster care; and

18       Whereas, The state of Michigan must do more to improve the  
19 lives of children in foster care; now, therefore, be it

20       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
21 this legislative body declare May 2019 as Foster Care Awareness  
22 Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage more citizens to  
23 volunteer their time to become a mentor to a child that is in  
24 foster care and realize that the state of Michigan must do more to  
25 improve the lives of children in foster care.