

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.137

Reps. Cole, Love, Cherry, Leutheuser, Howell, Ellison, Slagh, O'Malley, Bellino, VanSingel, Meerman, Lightner, Alexander, Chirkun, Crawford, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Haadsma, Jones, Kahle, Kuppa, Lasinski, Sabo, Shannon, Sneller and Sowerby offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare July 2019 as Wildlife Conservation
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan's natural beauty, abundant wildlife, and
4 plentiful waters are enjoyed from Belle Isle to Baraga by millions
5 of residents and visitors and should be preserved and protected for
6 future generations; and

7 Whereas, Hunters and fishermen were among the first
8 conservationists, pushing for active wildlife management and
9 conservation to ensure wildlife would flourish forever; and

10 Whereas, Science-based wildlife management and conservation



1 decisions such as actively enhancing habitat, monitoring wildlife
2 populations, preventing the spread of disease, and regulating
3 hunting and fishing seasons help balance our use of natural
4 resources with the needs of Michigan's wildlife; and

5 Whereas, As a result of these protections, regulations and
6 extensive conservation efforts, Michigan populations of elk, wild
7 turkey, white-tailed deer, lake sturgeon and many other species
8 have rebounded from near extinction. Approximately 11,000 inland
9 lakes and 36,000 miles of rivers and streams are safeguarded from
10 invasive species and abundant wildlife habitat and wildfire risk
11 are improved by forest management; and

12 Whereas, July 1 marks the 81st anniversary of the effective
13 date for the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
14 Act, which provides funding for wildlife management projects across
15 the nation through the purchase of hunting equipment; and

16 Whereas, Hunting and fishing licenses, not state taxes,
17 provide tens of millions of dollars each year for wildlife
18 conservation; and

19 Whereas, Hunters and anglers annually contribute \$11.2 billion
20 to Michigan's economy and create 171,000 jobs, making the combined
21 activities one of the state's top 10 job-creating industries,
22 according to a recent Michigan United Conservation Clubs study; and

23 Whereas, This year is the fifth anniversary of the creation of
24 the Michigan Wildlife Council, a bipartisan-approved panel
25 entrusted with educating the public about the importance of
26 wildlife management in preserving Michigan's outdoor heritage for
27 future generations; and

28 Whereas, In large part because of the council's activities,
29 more Michiganders than ever are aware of the essential role hunting

1 and fishing play in conserving, managing, and protecting Michigan's
2 wildlife; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
4 this legislative body declare July 2019 as Wildlife Conservation
5 Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

6 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
7 Michigan Wildlife Council.