

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.178

Reps. Bellino, Cherry, Garza, Hood, Love and Sabo offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare October 14-18, 2019, as Careers In  
2 Energy Week in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Access to affordable and reliable energy is  
4 fundamental to the lives of all Michigan residents and crucial to  
5 businesses; and

6       Whereas, Our energy industry is transforming energy generation  
7 to cleaner, greener generation technologies and infrastructure as  
8 older facilities are retired over the next 10 years. Energy-  
9 efficiency and clean energy sources have become a priority for  
10 Michigan residents, businesses, and governments; and

11       Whereas, Michigan's energy industry currently boasts 111,000  
12 jobs, with this total demand projected to grow by 6 percent through



1 2026. This underscores a vital need to increase Science,  
2 Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) and skilled trades training to  
3 increase the number of Michigan residents ready to fill the growing  
4 gap in the workforce pipeline; and

5 Whereas, Michigan's economy continues to grow and become more  
6 competitive and Michigan's energy providers have hired more than  
7 3,200 employees since January 2018; and

8 Whereas, The Michigan Energy Workforce Development Consortium  
9 (MEWDC) is a coalition of more than 50 representatives of industry,  
10 education, workforce, labor, government and veterans celebrating 11  
11 years of dedication to identifying and acting on current and future  
12 workforce issues that are crucial to building and sustaining  
13 Michigan's energy industry; and

14 Whereas, The MEWDC has partnered with the U.S. Department of  
15 Labor, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Center for  
16 Energy Workforce Development (CEWD) to implement talent development  
17 strategies for employment opportunities in Michigan's energy  
18 industry; and

19 Whereas, The MEWDC collaborated with the Michigan Department  
20 of Education to create Michigan's 17th "career cluster," which  
21 provides a roadmap for high school, career, and technical  
22 education, and community college students to pursue jobs in the  
23 energy sector; and

24 Whereas, MEWDC members now have an enhanced, year-round  
25 presence in schools and on college and university campuses with a  
26 focus on hiring Michigan students, offering expanded opportunities  
27 for students to learn about working in Michigan's energy sector;  
28 and

29 Whereas, During the week of October 14-18, MEWDC will focus on

1 energy career awareness through student tours, energy fairs, and  
2 other events to raise awareness about the many benefits of energy  
3 careers; now, therefore, be it

4       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
5 this legislative body declare October 14-18, 2019 as Careers in  
6 Energy Week in the state of Michigan.