

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.179

Reps. Kennedy, Bolden, Camilleri, Pagan, Koleszar, Hood, Stone, Tyrone Carter, Hammoud, Manoogian, Garza, Chirkun, Ellison, Brixie, Byrd, Wittenberg, Kuppa, Brenda Carter, Cynthia Johnson, Hoadley, Garrett, Lasinski, Sabo, Love, Cherry and Sowerby offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare October 10, 2019, as Children's  
2 Environmental Health Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Children are especially vulnerable to environmental  
4 health issues, more so than adults. Children are very different  
5 from adults, because they are not fully developed. Children's  
6 respiratory, reproductive, and immune systems are not fully  
7 developed, and absorb more air pollution than adults; and

8       Whereas, The health of the environment is essential for all. A



1 healthy environment allows the people of this state to lead happy,  
2 healthy and successful lives. Children deserve an environment where  
3 they can play outside, drink clean water, and be free of worry from  
4 the harm of environmental pollution; and

5       Whereas, The effects of environmental pollution stay with  
6 children their whole life; and

7       Whereas, It is well accepted that children living in poverty  
8 and children in disadvantaged communities are at much greater risk  
9 of exposure to environmental hazards. In 2018, Michigan ranked 33rd  
10 in well-being of children and 25th in overall children's health  
11 according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation; and

12       Whereas, Every child deserves a chance to learn, grow, and  
13 succeed. Our children are the future of this state. Their success  
14 is our success and it is important to ensure clean air and water  
15 for our children; and

16       Whereas, The goal of Children's Environmental Health Day is to  
17 raise awareness about clean air and water, safe food and consumer  
18 practices, and healthy environments for children's health and  
19 development; and

20       Whereas, Children's Environmental Health Day is generally  
21 observed on the second Thursday in October. This day celebrates the  
22 progress of the children's environmental health movement and aims  
23 to showcase a strong network of child health advocates; and

24       Whereas, Children's Environmental Health Day is a national  
25 effort supported by individuals, nonprofit organizations, and  
26 government agencies to encourage everyone to raise awareness and  
27 understanding of children's environmental health issues, seek  
28 improved protections for children, and perform acts of  
29 sustainability for the environment; now, therefore, be it

1           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
2 this legislative body declare October 10, 2019, as Children's  
3 Environmental Health Day in the state of Michigan.