HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.321

Reps. Yaroch, Allor, Calley, Chirkun, Clemente, Crawford, Hope, Koleszar, Kuppa, Love, Sabo, Sneller, Warren and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2020 as Fire Prevention Month

2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Last year, home fires killed more than 102 Michigan

4 citizens. According to the National Fire Incident Reporting System,

5 fire departments throughout the state responded to over 13,000 home

6 fires in 2019; and

7 Whereas, Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and

8 home fire injuries. Scald burns are the second leading cause of all

9 burn injuries, as hot liquids from coffee and even microwaved soup

10 can cause devastating injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading

11 cause of fires in the kitchen; and

Whereas, Michigan's first responders are dedicated to reducing 1 2 the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention, protection, and education so families can take personal 3 steps to increase their safety from fire in their homes; and 4 Whereas, The 2020 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Serve up fire 5 safety in the kitchen" effectively serves to educate the public 6 7 about the importance of practicing safe cooking habits as a means 8 to reduce fires and burns; now, therefore, be it 9 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of 10 this legislative body declare October 2020 as Fire Prevention Month 11 in the state of Michigan. We urge all the people of Michigan to 12 educate themselves on and practice cooking safely during this 13 observance.