

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.32

Senators Runestad, MacDonald, Bizon, Lucido, Bayer, MacGregor, Stamas, Chang, Horn, Ananich, Johnson, Polehanki and Moss, Alexander, Bullock, Hertel, Irwin, Lauwers, McCann, McMorrow, Santana and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to recognize April 11, 2019, as Chaldean American  
2 Day.

3       Whereas, Approximately 160,000 Chaldeans reside in Michigan,  
4 the largest population outside of the Middle East; and

5       Whereas, The Chaldean population began immigrating to America  
6 during the 1920's for better economic, religious, and political  
7 freedom, bringing with them a strong work ethic which continues to  
8 positively add to the growth of Michigan through the establishment  
9 of 20,000 Chaldean owned businesses throughout the state; and

1       Whereas, The Chaldean community has undoubtedly proven their  
2 business skills and entrepreneurial spirit with nearly two-thirds  
3 of Chaldean American households owning at least one business and 39  
4 percent owning two or more businesses; and

5       Whereas, The Chaldean community contributes an estimated  
6 eleven billion annually to Michigan's economy; and

7       Whereas, Currently, the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce  
8 has 985 members that represent more than four thousand businesses  
9 with the goal of building community ties, while ensuring membership  
10 value and advocacy for the benefit of Chaldean people; and

11       Whereas, The Chaldean Community Foundation has promoted steady  
12 population growth by providing services to the newly arrived Iraqi  
13 Chaldean refugees in efforts to help refugees become contributing  
14 members to Michigan through assistance with housing, job placement,  
15 language development, as well as the social and government program  
16 directives; now, therefore, be it

17       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
18 body recognize April 11, 2019, as Chaldean American Day; and be it  
19 further

20       Resolved, That we acknowledge the contributions of this  
21 innovative and entrepreneurial community as an important part of  
22 Michigan's diverse history; and be it further

23       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
24 Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce and the Chaldean Community  
25 Foundation as evidence of our highest esteem.