

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.57

Senators Runestad, Brinks, Bullock, MacDonald, Bizon, Lucido, McMorrow, Santana, Victory and Polehanki, Alexander, Ananich, Bayer, Geiss, Hertel, Hollier, Irwin, McCann, Moss and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to commemorate June 6, 2019, as the inaugural  
2 Indian-American Legislative Day in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, The people of Michigan are honored to represent many  
4 cultures and are proud to join with all residents of Indian  
5 heritage in acknowledging the contributions of Indian-Americans to  
6 our state; and

7           Whereas, In 1947, India proclaimed independence and officially  
8 became a self-governing country, marking the beginning of its  
9 identity as a free and sovereign nation; and

1       Whereas, Like the United States, India is a diverse nation of  
2 many cultures and religions, and Indian-Americans have brought to  
3 Michigan a true melting pot of diverse Indian heritage; and

4       Whereas, Americans identifying as Indian-Americans in Michigan  
5 are expected to approach a population of over 100,000 by the coming  
6 census; and

7       Whereas, India has proved to be a courageous nation with a  
8 growing democracy, seeking to establish its basic, fundamental  
9 principles of freedom, opportunity, and justice; and

10       Whereas, Indian-Americans have brought to Michigan that same  
11 courage and commitment to these shared ideals; and

12       Whereas, Michigan residents who hail from India, or who have  
13 ancestral ties to India, continually demonstrate the greatness of  
14 the culture, arts, traditions, and natural beauty of their  
15 homeland; and

16       Whereas, Michigan residents who immigrated from India have  
17 achieved high levels of education with over 40% having attained a  
18 post graduate degree; and

19       Whereas, The contributions of these individuals are notable  
20 and reflect success in many fields, including education, medicine,  
21 science, technology, business, industry, and public policy; and

22       Whereas, Michigan welcomes the opportunity to promote a  
23 greater understanding of the Indian-American culture, while also  
24 providing an opportunity for Michiganders to recognize the  
25 contributions of Indian-Americans to our state's economy; now  
26 therefore, be it

27       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
28 body commemorate June 6, 2019, as the inaugural Indian-American  
29 Legislative Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

1           Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
2 Asian Pacific American Caucus to be distributed to Indian American  
3 communities and associations.