

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Senator VanderWall, Alexander, Ananich, Brinks, Bullock, Geiss, Hollier, Johnson, Lucido, MacDonald, McCann, McMorrow, Polehanki, Santana and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to recognize June 30-July 7, 2019, as Aquatic  
2 Invasive Species Awareness Week.

3       Whereas, Michigan and its economy are defined by the Great  
4 Lakes and depend on its great abundance of fresh water for  
5 manufacturing, tourism, fishing, public water supplies,  
6 agriculture, as well as its numerous other uses; and

7       Whereas, Preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive  
8 species ultimately benefits Michigan, and stopping the introduction  
9 of these species would eliminate the need for the state, its  
10 businesses, industries, and citizens from employing costly methods

1 to control and manage them; and

2 Whereas, Michigan is protecting the Great Lakes from aquatic  
3 invasive species from a number of pathways including ballast water,  
4 canals and waterways, organisms in trade, and recreational  
5 activities such as boating and angling; and

6 Whereas, Over 180 nonindigenous aquatic species are  
7 established in the Great Lakes basin, many of which are displacing  
8 native species, disrupting habitats, and degrading natural,  
9 managed, and agricultural landscapes, resulting in millions of  
10 dollars for control efforts each year; and

11 Whereas, Michigan has over 900,000 registered boaters and many  
12 other recreational, commercial, and industrial users of over 11,000  
13 inland lakes and over 36,000 miles of rivers and streams in the  
14 state, many of which are impacted by aquatic invasive species; and

15 Whereas, Aquatic invasive species awareness is an important  
16 first step toward behavior change, which prevents the introduction  
17 and spread of aquatic invasive species; and

18 Whereas, Spring marks the beginning of water-related  
19 recreational activities in Michigan; and

20 Whereas, Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week is an  
21 opportunity for our state government to join forces with  
22 businesses, industries, environmental groups, community  
23 organizations, citizens, and the other Great Lakes states and  
24 provinces to take action against the introduction and spread of  
25 aquatic invasive species; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
27 body recognize June 30-July 7, 2019, as Aquatic Invasive Species  
28 Awareness Week; and be it further

29 Resolved, That all citizens must increase their understanding

1 and awareness of aquatic invasive species, their environmental and  
2 economic impacts, and take preventative measures to stop the spread  
3 and introduction of aquatic invasive species; and be it further

4       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
5 Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy,  
6 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michigan  
7 Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of  
8 Transportation, Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Council of Great  
9 Lakes Governors, Michigan Congressional Delegation, and Great Lakes  
10 Commission.