

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.109

Reps. Kennedy, Brixie, Hope, Koleszar, Pohutsky, Camilleri, Pagan, Guerra, Manoogian, Elder, Hoadley, Cherry, Tyrone Carter, Ellison, Liberati, Yancey, Lasinski, Witwer, Stone, Bolden, Kuppa, Brenda Carter, Hood, Love, LaGrand, Whitsett and Anthony offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 22, 2019, as Equal Rights Advocacy
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan supports equal rights for all
4 who live, study, work, and visit our Great Lakes state; and

5 Whereas, The Michigan Constitution does not explicitly
6 guarantee that all rights it protects are held equally by all
7 without regard to gender; and

8 Whereas, Laws prohibiting gender discrimination that exist
9 today can be repealed or reduced by a simple majority in the



1 legislature; and

2 Whereas, Michigan ratified the federal Equal Rights Amendment
3 on May 22, 1972, and yet still does not have gender equality
4 guaranteed in its own state constitution; and

5 Whereas, Thirty-seven of the 38 states ratified the Equal
6 Rights Amendment. Without ratification, the United States
7 Constitution fails to guarantee female citizens equal rights and
8 equal justice; and

9 Whereas, An Equal Rights Amendment would help correct systemic
10 gender discrimination that is widespread and pervasive; and

11 Whereas, Many women have dedicated their entire lives for a
12 constitutional amendment affirming that women had equal rights and
13 protections under the United States Constitution; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
16 this legislative body declare May 22, 2019, as Equal Rights
17 Advocacy Day in the state of Michigan.