

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.171

Rep. Garza offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare October 2019 as College Month in the  
2 state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, According to the Georgetown Center on Education and  
4 the Workforce, 70 percent of all jobs in Michigan will require some  
5 postsecondary education or training beyond high school by 2020 and  
6 only 30 percent of Michigan jobs will be available to those with a  
7 high school diploma or less; and

8       Whereas, The Michigan College Access Network uses the term  
9 "college" to refer to the attainment of valuable certificates and  
10 degrees beyond high school; and

11       Whereas, The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA),  
12 which is the only way to access federal grants and loans that can  
13 be instrumental in helping students pay for college, is available



1 beginning October 1; and

2       Whereas, College Month provides dedicated time and space  
3 during the school day to ensure all high school seniors have the  
4 opportunity to apply to college and file the FAFSA with support  
5 from the Michigan College Access Network, Local College Access  
6 Networks, school counselors, college advisers and community members  
7 across the state; and

8       Whereas, During the month of October, students with a  
9 demonstrated financial need are encouraged to use the National  
10 Association for College Admission Counseling application fee waiver  
11 form to ensure that no student is deprived of the opportunity to  
12 pursue admission to the institution of their choice due to  
13 financial hardship; now, therefore, be it

14       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
15 this legislative body declare October 2019 as College Month in the  
16 state of Michigan; and be it further

17       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the  
18 Michigan Department of Education.