

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.172

Rep. Yancey offered the following resolution:

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

3       Whereas, According to the National Coalition Against Domestic  
4 Violence (NCADV), Domestic Violence Awareness Month was launched  
5 nationwide in October 1981 as a way to connect and unite  
6 individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues  
7 and raise awareness for those issues; and

8       Whereas, NCADV defines domestic violence as the willful  
9 intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or  
10 other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and  
11 control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It



1 includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological  
2 violence, and emotional abuse; and

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4       Whereas, Domestic violence impacts individuals in every  
5 community of our state, regardless of age, economic status, sexual  
6 orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

7       Whereas, Perpetrators of domestic violence intentionally  
8 engage in a pattern of behavior to exert coercive control in  
9 intimate partner relationships, violating the fundamental human  
10 rights of those they abuse; and

11       Whereas, According to the National Network to End Domestic  
12 Violence (NNEDV), many of these dynamics of power and control are  
13 rooted in gender roles and stereotypes. Conscious education and  
14 action is required in order to address these ingrained inequities;  
15 and

16       Whereas, The Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual  
17 Violence (MCEDSV) documented for the 2018 NNEDV National Census of  
18 Domestic Violence Services that MCEDSV member programs provided  
19 counseling, advocacy, shelter, and/or other forms of support for  
20 over 2,649 survivors during the 24-hour survey period, while  
21 additionally providing education and training for over 319  
22 individual community members across our state; and

23       Whereas, While throughout the last three decades, much  
24 progress has been made to support domestic violence victims and  
25 survivors and to hold abusers accountable, continued awareness,  
26 education, and action are crucial to intervention in and prevention  
27 of domestic violence; and

28       Whereas, We must work together to educate our entire  
29 population about what can be done to prevent domestic violence,

1 hold perpetrators accountable, support the individual and unique  
2 needs of survivors, and ensure that survivors are not re-  
3 victimized; now, therefore, be it

4       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
5 this legislative body declare October 2019 as Domestic Violence  
6 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We strongly support the  
7 efforts of national, state, and local partners, and every citizen  
8 to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent  
9 domestic violence. We will take appropriate action and support one  
10 another to create a safer environment in order to help end domestic  
11 violence.