

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.178

Rep. Bellino offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 14-18, 2019, as Careers In
2 Energy Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Access to affordable and reliable energy is
4 fundamental to the lives of all Michigan residents and crucial to
5 businesses; and

6 Whereas, Our energy industry is transforming energy generation
7 to cleaner, greener generation technologies and infrastructure as
8 older facilities are retired over the next 10 years. Energy-
9 efficiency and clean energy sources have become a priority for
10 Michigan residents, businesses, and governments; and

11 Whereas, Michigan's energy industry currently boasts 111,000
12 jobs, with this total demand projected to grow by 6 percent through
13 2026. This underscores a vital need to increase Science,



1 Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) and skilled trades training to
2 increase the number of Michigan residents ready to fill the growing
3 gap in the workforce pipeline; and

4 Whereas, Michigan's economy continues to grow and become more
5 competitive and Michigan's energy providers have hired more than
6 3,200 employees since January 2018; and

7 Whereas, The Michigan Energy Workforce Development Consortium
8 (MEWDC) is a coalition of more than 50 representatives of industry,
9 education, workforce, labor, government and veterans celebrating 11
10 years of dedication to identifying and acting on current and future
11 workforce issues that are crucial to building and sustaining
12 Michigan's energy industry; and

13 Whereas, The MEWDC has partnered with the U.S. Department of
14 Labor, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Center for
15 Energy Workforce Development (CEWD) to implement talent development
16 strategies for employment opportunities in Michigan's energy
17 industry; and

18 Whereas, The MEWDC collaborated with the Michigan Department
19 of Education to create Michigan's 17th "career cluster," which
20 provides a roadmap for high school, career, and technical
21 education, and community college students to pursue jobs in the
22 energy sector; and

23 Whereas, MEWDC members now have an enhanced, year-round
24 presence in schools and on college and university campuses with a
25 focus on hiring Michigan students, offering expanded opportunities
26 for students to learn about working in Michigan's energy sector;
27 and

28 Whereas, During the week of October 14-18, MEWDC will focus on
29 energy career awareness through student tours, energy fairs, and

1 other events to raise awareness about the many benefits of energy
2 careers; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
4 this legislative body declare October 14-18, 2019 as Careers in
5 Energy Week in the state of Michigan.