

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.179

Reps. Kennedy, Bolden, Camilleri, Pagan, Koleszar, Hood, Stone, Tyrone Carter, Hammoud, Manoogian, Garza, Chirkun, Ellison, Brixie, Byrd, Wittenberg, Kuppa, Brenda Carter, Cynthia Johnson, Hoadley, Garrett, Lasinski, Sabo and Love offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 10, 2019, as Children's
2 Environmental Health Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Children are especially vulnerable to environmental
4 health issues, more so than adults. Children are very different
5 from adults, because they are not fully developed. Children's
6 respiratory, reproductive, and immune systems are not fully
7 developed, and absorb more air pollution than adults; and

8 Whereas, The health of the environment is essential for all. A
9 healthy environment allows the people of this state to lead happy,



1 healthy and successful lives. Children deserve an environment where
2 they can play outside, drink clean water, and be free of worry from
3 the harm of environmental pollution; and

4 Whereas, The effects of environmental pollution stay with
5 children their whole life; and

6 Whereas, It is well accepted that children living in poverty
7 and children in disadvantaged communities are at much greater risk
8 of exposure to environmental hazards. In 2018, Michigan ranked 33rd
9 in well-being of children and 25th in overall children's health
10 according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation; and

11 Whereas, Every child deserves a chance to learn, grow, and
12 succeed. Our children are the future of this state. Their success
13 is our success and it is important to ensure clean air and water
14 for our children; and

15 Whereas, The goal of Children's Environmental Health Day is to
16 raise awareness about clean air and water, safe food and consumer
17 practices, and healthy environments for children's health and
18 development; and

19 Whereas, Children's Environmental Health Day is generally
20 observed on the second Thursday in October. This day celebrates the
21 progress of the children's environmental health movement and aims
22 to showcase a strong network of child health advocates; and

23 Whereas, Children's Environmental Health Day is a national
24 effort supported by individuals, nonprofit organizations, and
25 government agencies to encourage everyone to raise awareness and
26 understanding of children's environmental health issues, seek
27 improved protections for children, and perform acts of
28 sustainability for the environment; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

- 1 this legislative body declare October 10, 2019, as Children's
- 2 Environmental Health Day in the state of Michigan.