

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 321

Rep. Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2020 as Fire Prevention Month
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Last year, home fires killed more than 102 Michigan
4 citizens. According to the National Fire Incident Reporting System,
5 fire departments throughout the state responded to over 13,000 home
6 fires in 2019; and

7 Whereas, Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and
8 home fire injuries. Scald burns are the second leading cause of all
9 burn injuries, as hot liquids from coffee and even microwaved soup
10 can cause devastating injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading
11 cause of fires in the kitchen; and

12 Whereas, Michigan's first responders are dedicated to reducing
13 the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through



1 prevention, protection, and education so families can take personal
2 steps to increase their safety from fire in their homes; and

3 Whereas, The 2020 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Serve up fire
4 safety in the kitchen" effectively serves to educate the public
5 about the importance of practicing safe cooking habits as a means
6 to reduce fires and burns; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
8 this legislative body declare October 2020 as Fire Prevention Month
9 in the state of Michigan. We urge all the people of Michigan to
10 educate themselves on and practice cooking safely during this
11 observance.