

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.57

Senators Runestad, Brinks, Bullock, MacDonald, Bizon, Lucido, McMorrow, Santana, Victory and Polehanki offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate June 6, 2019, as the inaugural
2 Indian-American Legislative Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The people of Michigan are honored to represent many
4 cultures and are proud to join with all residents of Indian
5 heritage in acknowledging the contributions of Indian-Americans to
6 our state; and

7 Whereas, In 1947, India proclaimed independence and officially
8 became a self-governing country, marking the beginning of its
9 identity as a free and sovereign nation; and

10 Whereas, Like the United States, India is a diverse nation of

1 many cultures and religions, and Indian-Americans have brought to
2 Michigan a true melting pot of diverse Indian heritage; and

3 Whereas, Americans identifying as Indian-Americans in Michigan
4 are expected to approach a population of over 100,000 by the coming
5 census; and

6 Whereas, India has proved to be a courageous nation with a
7 growing democracy, seeking to establish its basic, fundamental
8 principles of freedom, opportunity, and justice; and

9 Whereas, Indian-Americans have brought to Michigan that same
10 courage and commitment to these shared ideals; and

11 Whereas, Michigan residents who hail from India, or who have
12 ancestral ties to India, continually demonstrate the greatness of
13 the culture, arts, traditions, and natural beauty of their
14 homeland; and

15 Whereas, Michigan residents who immigrated from India have
16 achieved high levels of education with over 40% having attained a
17 post graduate degree; and

18 Whereas, The contributions of these individuals are notable
19 and reflect success in many fields, including education, medicine,
20 science, technology, business, industry, and public policy; and

21 Whereas, Michigan welcomes the opportunity to promote a
22 greater understanding of the Indian-American culture, while also
23 providing an opportunity for Michiganders to recognize the
24 contributions of Indian-Americans to our state's economy; now
25 therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
27 body commemorate June 6, 2019, as the inaugural Indian-American
28 Legislative Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

29 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the

- 1 Asian Pacific American Caucus to be distributed to Indian American
- 2 communities and associations.