

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Senator VanderWall offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to recognize June 30-July 7, 2019, as Aquatic  
2 Invasive Species Awareness Week.

3       Whereas, Michigan and its economy are defined by the Great  
4 Lakes and depend on its great abundance of fresh water for  
5 manufacturing, tourism, fishing, public water supplies,  
6 agriculture, as well as its numerous other uses; and

7       Whereas, Preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive  
8 species ultimately benefits Michigan, and stopping the introduction  
9 of these species would eliminate the need for the state, its  
10 businesses, industries, and citizens from employing costly methods  
11 to control and manage them; and

12       Whereas, Michigan is protecting the Great Lakes from aquatic

1 invasive species from a number of pathways including ballast water,  
2 canals and waterways, organisms in trade, and recreational  
3 activities such as boating and angling; and

4       Whereas, Over 180 nonindigenous aquatic species are  
5 established in the Great Lakes basin, many of which are displacing  
6 native species, disrupting habitats, and degrading natural,  
7 managed, and agricultural landscapes, resulting in millions of  
8 dollars for control efforts each year; and

9       Whereas, Michigan has over 900,000 registered boaters and many  
10 other recreational, commercial, and industrial users of over 11,000  
11 inland lakes and over 36,000 miles of rivers and streams in the  
12 state, many of which are impacted by aquatic invasive species; and

13       Whereas, Aquatic invasive species awareness is an important  
14 first step toward behavior change, which prevents the introduction  
15 and spread of aquatic invasive species; and

16       Whereas, Spring marks the beginning of water-related  
17 recreational activities in Michigan; and

18       Whereas, Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week is an  
19 opportunity for our state government to join forces with  
20 businesses, industries, environmental groups, community  
21 organizations, citizens, and the other Great Lakes states and  
22 provinces to take action against the introduction and spread of  
23 aquatic invasive species; now, therefore, be it

24       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
25 body recognize June 30-July 7, 2019, as Aquatic Invasive Species  
26 Awareness Week; and be it further

27       Resolved, That all citizens must increase their understanding  
28 and awareness of aquatic invasive species, their environmental and  
29 economic impacts, and take preventative measures to stop the spread

1 and introduction of aquatic invasive species; and be it further

2       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
3 Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy,  
4 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michigan  
5 Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of  
6 Transportation, Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Council of Great  
7 Lakes Governors, Michigan Congressional Delegation, and Great Lakes  
8 Commission.