

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.244

Reps. Neeley, Pohutsky, Young, Camilleri, Anthony, Puri, Cavanagh, Lasinski, Tate, Brenda Carter, Stone, Kuppa, Witwer, Hertel, Haadsma, Tyrone Carter, Hood, Cynthia Johnson, Manoogian, Scott, Brixie, Breen, Hope, Morse, Rogers, Cherry, Bolden, Koleszar, Steenland, Roth, Sneller, Whitsett, Calley, Cambensy, Farrington, Peterson, Liberati, Coleman, Garza, Jones, O'Neal, Thanedar, Rabhi, Yancey, Clemente, Brabec and Sabo offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare March 2022 as Women's History Month in  
2 the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Michigan women of every race, class, and ethnic  
4 background have made historic contributions to the growth and  
5 strength of Michigan in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

6       Whereas, Michigan women have played and continue to play a  
7 critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the

1 life of Michigan by constituting a significant portion of the labor  
2 force working inside and outside of the home; and

3       Whereas, Accomplished women in Michigan such as Cora Reynolds  
4 Anderson, Lorraine Beebe, Cora Mae Brown, Anna Clemenc, Mary  
5 Stallings Coleman, Daisy Elliott, Betty Ford, Martha Griffiths,  
6 Marie-Therese Guyon-Cadillac, Erma Henderson, Mildred Jeffrey, Rosa  
7 Parks, Elly Peterson, Dorothy Comstock Riley, Anna Howard Shaw,  
8 Lucinda Stone, and Sojourner Truth deserve more recognition; and

9       Whereas, Michigan women have played a unique role throughout  
10 the history of Michigan by providing the majority of the volunteer  
11 labor force of Michigan; and

12       Whereas, Michigan women were particularly important in the  
13 establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural  
14 institutions in Michigan; and

15       Whereas, Michigan women of every race, class, and ethnic  
16 background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major  
17 progressive social change movement. Michigan women have been  
18 leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal  
19 opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the  
20 emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil  
21 rights movement, the peace movement, and other movements which  
22 created a more fair and just society for all; and

23       Whereas, The population of Michigan is fifty-one percent  
24 women. Women compose thirty-six percent of the Michigan  
25 Legislature. The percentage of women legislators in the House of  
26 Representatives is thirty-eight percent and the percentage of women  
27 legislators in the Senate is approximately thirty percent; and

28       Whereas, Despite these contributions, the role of Michigan  
29 women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued

1 in the literature, teaching, and study of Michigan history; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
4 this legislative body declare March 2022 as Women's History Month  
5 in the state of Michigan.