

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

Senators Lauwers, Horn, McCann, Brinks, Bullock, LaSata, Bizon, Bumstead, Barrett, Nesbitt and Schmidt offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to recognize April 2021 as Natural Gas and  
2       Electric Service Workers Appreciation Month.

3       Whereas, Natural gas and electric service workers have existed  
4       for as long as energy has been a part of modern living; and

5       Whereas, These workers maintain thousands of miles of electric  
6       and natural gas transmission and distribution lines and systems  
7       with a focus on safety, reliability, and dedication to customer  
8       service; and

9       Whereas, At a moment's notice, these brave professionals work  
10      in extreme weather and face dangerous conditions in order to

1 maintain the energy infrastructure of our state; and

2       Whereas, Serving Michigan for many decades, our natural gas  
3 and electric service workers are often the first responders during  
4 catastrophic events and the last to go home; and

5       Whereas, Crews have tirelessly worked on the front line during  
6 the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring our communities have the safe and  
7 reliable energy they rely on; and

8       Whereas, Working in and around roadways is often required by  
9 these workers, which also presents a daily danger; and

10       Whereas, The Michigan Legislature passed several public acts  
11 to require safer driving in work zones and provide penalties for  
12 those who do not respect these work zones; and

13       Whereas, Natural gas and electric service workers exemplify  
14 hometown service and are actively caring for their communities as  
15 volunteers; now, therefore, be it

16       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
17 body recognize April 2021 as Natural Gas and Electric Service  
18 Workers Appreciation Month; and be it further

19       Resolved, That we honor this workforce for their heroic  
20 efforts in keeping our homes and businesses warm and bright.