

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.105

Reps. Clemente, Camilleri, Sneller, Ellison, Coleman, Cavanagh, Kuppa, Shannon, Sowerby, Haadsma, Witwer and Anthony offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 12, 2021, as Older Michiganians
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, 2.6 million Michiganians are age 60 or older,
4 equating to 1 of every 4 citizens being an older adult as defined
5 by the Older Americans Act. There are more older adults than
6 children in Pre-K through 12 schools in the state; and

7 Whereas, 10,000 Americans celebrate their 65th birthday every
8 day and become eligible for Medicare; and

9 Whereas, Older Michiganians are critical to Michigan's
10 economy, workforce, educational system, faith-based institutions,
11 charitable organizations, and institutions of government; and

1 Whereas, Many amongst them survived the Great Depression,
2 sacrificed at home and abroad to defeat fascism in World War II,
3 built the post-war American economy, advocated for civil rights,
4 led our state into the 21st century and have now lived through the
5 worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

6 Whereas, Older adults deserve our utmost respect and gratitude
7 for their many contributions to our communities. Older citizens
8 play vital leadership, volunteer and mentoring roles all across our
9 great state. Their lifetime contributions are immense and
10 immeasurable in sum, while also being deeply personal, impactful,
11 and meaningful on an individual basis; and

12 Whereas, Older adults are one of our state's greatest
13 resources for understanding our past and improving our future. They
14 are truly a foundation upon which we can build a better tomorrow;
15 and

16 Whereas, This invaluable group of citizens is being honored
17 and admired for their many years of service in communities large
18 and small across the entire state of Michigan. They have been an
19 indispensable source of knowledge and inspiration throughout the
20 years; now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
22 this legislative body declare May 12, 2021, as Older Michiganians
23 Day in the state of Michigan. We honor our state's population of
24 older citizens.