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House Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, December 19, 2024.

12:00 Noon.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Rep. Nate Shannon, from the 58th District, offered the following invocation:

“Lord God, we Your servants, are grateful for the many gifts that You provide. For the fresh water of the Great Lakes, for the rolling hills of the northern lower peninsula, for the minerals in the upper peninsula to the urban life in our great cities, we give thanks. For the people, young and old, who make this state a wonderful place to work, live and play, we give thanks. For our troops and public service personnel who protect and serve, we give thanks. For our families and friends and the opportunity to serve the great state of Michigan in this chamber, we give thanks. Amen.”

The Speaker called the Speaker Pro Tempore to the Chair.

#### Motions and Resolutions

The Speaker moved that there be a Call of the House.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members present voting therefor.

#### Proceedings Under the Call

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk and Reps. Alexander, Aragona, Beeler, BeGole, Beson, Bezotte, Bierlein, Bollin, Borton, Bruck, Carra, Cavitt, DeBoer, DeBoyer, DeSana, Filler, Fink, Fox, Friske, Phil Green, Jaime Greene, Hall, Harris, Herzberg, Hoadley, Johnsen, Kuhn, Kunse, Lightner, Maddock, Markkanen, Martin, Meerman, Mueller, Neyer, Outman, Paquette, Posthumus, Prestin, Rigas, Roth, Schmaltz, Schriver, Schuette, Slagh, Smit, St. Germaine, Steele, Thompson, Tisdell, VanderWall, VanWoerkom, Wendzel, Whitsett, Wozniak and Zorn were reported absent.



The Speaker moved that the Sergeant at Arms be dispatched after the absentees.  
The motion prevailed.

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Rep. Herzberg entered the House Chambers.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The roll was called by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, who announced that a quorum was not present.

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Rep. Wilson announced that pursuant to House Rule 1(2), the House will stand adjourned until Tuesday, December 31, at 1:30 p.m.

### **Motions and Resolutions**

Rep. Tate offered the following concurrent resolution:

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 16.**

A concurrent resolution prescribing the legislative schedule.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House of Representatives adjourns on Thursday, December 19, 2024, it stands adjourned until Monday, December 30, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.; and be it further

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns on Monday, December 23, 2024, it stands adjourned until Monday, December 30, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.; and be it further

Resolved, That when the Legislature adjourns on Monday, December 30, 2024, it stands adjourned without day.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Rep. Breen offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 325.**

A resolution to declare December 19, 2024, as PANS and PANDAS Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal (PANDAS) create the sudden onset of obsessive-compulsive disorder in children, causing previously healthy and emotionally adjusted children to experience severe anxiety and emotional disturbances; and

Whereas, Children with PANS and PANDAS tend to manifest some of the following symptoms: tics or other abnormal movements, severe separation anxiety, generalized anxiety, irritability, aggression, personality changes, ADHD, marked deterioration in learning and school performance, and developmental regression, including deterioration in handwriting; and

Whereas, PANS is broader than PANDAS as it includes not only disorders associated with a preceding infection, such as mycoplasma pneumoniae, mono, Lyme, viruses, and more, but also acute onset non-infectious triggers, such as environmental factors and metabolic dysfunction. Treatment plans for PANS similar to those for PANDAS should be attempted; and



Whereas, Children with PANS and PANDAS may experience moderate to dramatic improvement with antibiotics, intravenous immunoglobulin treatment, or plasmapheresis; and

Whereas, Researchers at the National Institute of Mental Health are currently engaged in extensive research and testing on how to effectively treat PANS and PANDAS; and

Whereas, PANS and PANDAS has been estimated to affect approximately one out of every 200 children in the United States and is likely to be as common as pediatric cancer and pediatric diabetes; and

Whereas, It is imperative to educate the public to increase awareness of PANS and PANDAS and to work towards further research of this serious health issue; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare December 19, 2024, as PANS and PANDAS Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 326.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Abraham Aiyash.

Whereas, For serving this legislative body with great commitment, we commend and thank Representative Abraham Aiyash. He has worked diligently for four years on behalf of the residents of first the Fourth and now the Ninth Districts in Hamtramck and Detroit's Eastside and Downtown neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Representative Aiyash's prior experiences developed the skills he would need to excel in this role. He graduated from James Madison College at Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy. Before first being elected to the Legislature in 2020, he cofounded the Halimah Project, a non-profit for mentoring young refugees, and was an active community organizer; and

Whereas, In his time in this chamber, Representative Aiyash has proudly served in leadership, first as the Assistant Democratic Floor Leader and then as the Majority Floor Leader—the first Muslim in House majority leadership—where he provided invaluable service in managing the passage of legislation in the House of Representatives. His leadership contributions also extended to service on the Legislative Council. In addition, he drew upon his education and experience while serving on the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Agriculture; Families, Children, and Seniors; Communications and Technology; and Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we thank Representative Abraham Aiyash for his service to his district, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the State of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Aiyash and his family as a sign of our lasting esteem for his contributions to his district, this chamber and its work, and the entire state of Michigan.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 327.**

A resolution of tribute to the Honorable Felicia Brabec, Ph.D.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation for her hard work and dedication to the Michigan House of Representatives that we commend Representative Felicia Brabec upon completion of her service as a member of this chamber. In her two terms in office, she has ably represented the citizens of Washtenaw County—first in the Fifty-fifth District and now the Thirty-third District. Throughout the last four years, her passion and commitment to improving the lives of Michiganders have benefited not only her constituents but the whole of our state's citizenry; and

Whereas, Representative Brabec joined the legislature in 2021 after serving as a Washtenaw County Commissioner from 2011 to 2020. In addition to her public service experience, Representative Brabec brought to the legislature a wealth of experience in clinical psychology and social work. A graduate of Saint Mary's College, Boston College, and the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, she is a licensed clinical psychologist who has operated her own practice in Washtenaw County; and

Whereas, In her two terms as a State Representative, Felicia Brabec has been a strong advocate for affordable mental and physical healthcare, women's reproductive freedom, organ donation, criminal justice reform, and environmental justice. Her expertise and passion proved indispensable in her time as Chair of the Health Policy Subcommittee on Behavioral Health and the Appropriations Subcommittee on General



Government. During her first term, Representative Brabec also served as Vice Chair of the Appropriations subcommittees on Higher Education and Community Colleges, and Health and Human Services. Further, she has been an active member of the House Appropriations subcommittees on Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Military and Veterans Affairs and State Police; and Judiciary; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Felicia Brabec, Ph.D., for her notable contributions to this legislative body and to our state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Felicia Brabec as evidence of our appreciation and best wishes as she leaves this legislative body.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 328.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Jaime Churches.

Whereas, It is with gratitude that we recognize Representative Jaime Churches for her work on behalf of the citizens of Michigan and, in particular, her constituents in the Twenty-seventh District. Throughout her tenure in the House, Representative Churches' hard work has benefited not only the people of Southern Southgate, Wyandotte, Riverview, Trenton, Gibraltar, and Grosse Ile Township, but all of Michigan's citizens; and

Whereas, Throughout most of her career, Representative Churches has shown a dedication to working with Michigan's youth. She first obtained a bachelor's degree in integrated science and elementary education and then a master's degree in educational leadership from Madonna University. She then worked as a fifth-grade teacher in the Gibraltar, Woodhaven-Brownstown, and Grosse Ile Township school districts, while also serving as the former union vice president of the Michigan Education Association's Grosse Ile unit; and

Whereas, Since her election to the House of Representatives in 2022, Representative Churches has continued to use her knowledge and experience in education to better the lives of students throughout Michigan, including by serving as the majority vice chair of the Education Committee. She also served as a member of the House committees on Elections; Energy, Communications, and Technology; Ethics and Oversight; and Labor. Representative Churches' dedication and integrity stand as clear examples of what it takes to be a successful public servant and strong leader; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Jaime Churches for her notable contributions to this legislative body and to our state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Jaime Churches as evidence of our appreciation and best wishes as she leaves this legislative body.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 329.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Jim Haadsma.

Whereas, We take this opportunity to recognize the admirable service of the Honorable Jim Haadsma, a Grand Rapids native and longtime resident of Battle Creek, who has served this chamber as the Representative for both the Forty-fourth District and former Sixty-second District. Since assuming office in 2019, Representative Haadsma has represented with distinction not only the interests of his constituents in the cities of Albion, Battle Creek, and Springfield; and the townships of Bedford, Clarence, Convis, Lee, Pennfield, and Sheridan; but those of Michiganders statewide; and

Whereas, Representative Haadsma's life experiences prior to joining the Legislature marked him as well-prepared to serve his constituency. As the son of missionaries, Representative Haadsma spent a significant portion of his formative years abroad in Africa, where he first developed a deep appreciation for and understanding of public service. This is reflected in his involvement in numerous community organizations, including the Kiwanis Club of Battle Creek, Haven of Rest Ministries, Salvation Army, Battle Creek NAACP, Art Center of Battle Creek, Urban League of Battle Creek, and the Calhoun County Bar Association. The Honorable Representative also served as a member of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners from 2009 to 2018. Representative Haadsma received his bachelor's degree in English from Michigan State University and a juris doctor degree from Wayne State University, which he would use to support an ongoing legal career at McCroskey Law, PLC. In addition to these educational and professional accomplishments, Representative Haadsma is also a proud father to a daughter – Tess – and three sons – Stewart, Jon, and Jerry; and



Whereas, Since his election to this chamber, Representative Haadsma has demonstrated a deep commitment to improving the lives of his constituents in the Forty-fourth and former Sixty-second districts. He has served with distinction as the chair of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Labor Committee. Representative Haadsma also served as a member of the committees on Energy, Transportation and Infrastructure, Communications and Technology, and Health Policy. The Representative's dedication to and involvement in the business of the House of Representatives stand as a clear example of what makes a successful public servant and strong leader; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank the Honorable Jim Haadsma for his notable contributions to this legislative body and our state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Jim Haadsma as evidence of our appreciation and best wishes as he leaves this legislative body.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Reps. Aiyash, Tate and Breen offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 330.**

A resolution to honor the Cass Tech High School Football Team for winning the state championship.

Whereas, It is a pleasure to join with their families, Cass Tech High School students, and all of East Lansing in celebration of the achievements of Cass Tech High School's Football Team on its wonderful success over the season. With the fine record this team has attained, which culminated in defeating Hudsonville, claiming their Division I, and capturing the State Championship Game, this group of disciplined student-athletes has generated great pride throughout our state and the city of Detroit; and

Whereas, Under the leadership of Coach Marvin Rushing, the Technicians have become a top-ranked team in the nation, finishing the season with 10 straight wins. Due to their hard work and unending dedication to the game, the Cass Tech High School's Football Team won their first state title since 2016, sealing a 42-20 victory over Hudsonville. Finishing the season 12-2, this team has proven what can be accomplished if you work together and in the pursuit of excellence. In the face of adversity, and despite beginning the season with a 2-2 record, the team kept their focus on making their State Championship dreams come true and accepted nothing less than their best effort; and

Whereas, With pride and team spirit the fans and players have come together to celebrate an incredible team's magnificent season. We admire the efforts, motivation, and preparation of these talented players; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor the Cass Tech High School Football Team for winning the state championship. We commend Cass Tech High School's Football Coach Marvin Rushing, assistant coaches, and players for their outstanding season; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the coaches and players of the Cass Tech High School Football Team as a token of our esteem.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Reps. Tate, Aiyash and Breen offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 331.**

A resolution to declare December 16-20, 2024, as NCSL Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The National Conference of State Legislatures was founded in 1975 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2025. NCSL has evolved during the past half-century to become the premier organization solely dedicated to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff; and

Whereas, It was created from the merger of three organizations that served or represented state legislatures and that shared the belief that legislative service is one of democracy's worthiest pursuits; and

Whereas, NCSL is a bipartisan organization with three objectives: to advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legislatures; to foster interstate communication and cooperation; and to ensure states a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system; and

Whereas, Our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy and have continually shown that they are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges, and state legislatures are where people from very different backgrounds, representing very different communities, can come together and find common ground, and NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical research and information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues confronting our communities, states, and nation, and NCSL strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and the international community; now, therefore, be it



Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare December 16-20, 2024, as NCSL Week in the state of Michigan.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

### **Messages from the Senate**

The Senate requested the return of

#### **House Bill No. 4630, entitled**

A bill to amend 2013 PA 93, entitled “Michigan indigent defense commission act,” by amending the title and sections 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, and 23 (MCL 780.983, 780.985, 780.987, 780.989, 780.991, 780.993, 780.995, 780.997, 780.1001, and 780.1003), section 3 as amended by 2019 PA 108, sections 5, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17 as amended by 2018 PA 214, and section 7 as amended by 2018 PA 443, and by adding section 14.

(The bill was received from the Senate on December 12, with an amendment and full title inserted by the Senate, consideration of which, under the rules, was postponed until December 13, see House Journal No. 85, p. 1986.)

The question being on concurring in the amendment made to the bill by the Senate,

The message was referred to the Clerk for record.

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The Speaker declared the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 31, at 1:30 p.m.

RICHARD J. BROWN  
Clerk of the House of Representatives