SENATE RESOLUTION NO.112

Senators Singh, Geiss and Webber offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to designate April 2024 as Community College
- 2 Month.
- 3 Whereas, Community College Month is an appropriate time to
- 4 acknowledge community colleges and the important contributions they
- 5 make to the richness and accessibility of post-secondary education;
- 6 and
- 7 Whereas, The leaders and staff of community colleges are fully
- 8 devoted to the praiseworthy mission of providing relevant academic
- 9 and technical coursework leading to industry-recognized
- 10 credentials; and
- 11 Whereas, Each year, Michigan's community colleges enroll

- 1 280,000 students while granting 19,900 degrees and 7,000
- 2 certificates. In Michigan, 52 percent of students who earn
- 3 bachelor's degrees have completed courses at a community college;
- 4 and
- 5 Whereas, Investing in community colleges helps meet the real
- 6 and immediate challenges of economic development, student
- 7 achievement, and competitiveness; and
- 8 Whereas, Students of all ages and backgrounds who attend these
- 9 exceptional schools receive a superb education and earn degrees,
- 10 certificates, and training that help them become skilled members of
- 11 a workforce that propels economic growth and encourages learning
- 12 and culture; and
- 13 Whereas, The strength and success of Michigan's community
- 14 colleges, the vitality of its communities, and the effectiveness of
- 15 our American society depend upon excellent organizations,
- 16 exemplified by community colleges; and
- Whereas, We honor and salute Michigan's 31 community and
- 18 tribal colleges in recognition of April 2024 as Michigan Community
- 19 College Month; and
- 20 Whereas, It is altogether proper and fitting for this
- 21 legislative body to pause in its deliberations and recognize
- 22 Michigan's community colleges, affirming their importance to the
- 23 citizens of this state; now, therefore, be it
- 24 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
- 25 body designate April 2024 as Community College Month; and be it
- **26** further
- 27 Resolved, That we urge the continued awareness of community
- 28 college job training for Michigan students to ensure the
- 29 sustainability of our workforce for the years to come.