

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

Senators Polehanki, Geiss and Webber offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 1, 2024, as Older Michiganians
2 Day.

3 Whereas, According to the 2021 American Community Survey's
4 five-year data set, 2,438,552 Michiganians are age 60 or older,
5 equating to one in four citizens defined as an older adult by the
6 Older Americans Act; and

7 Whereas, There are more older adults than children under the
8 age of 18 in our state (2,188,856); and

9 Whereas, There are more older adults than pre-K through 12th
10 grade students in our state (1,624,039); and

11 Whereas, 10,000 Americans celebrate their 65th birthday every

1 day and become eligible for Medicare; and

2 Whereas, Older Michigianians are critical to our economy,
3 workforce, educational system, faith-based institutions, charitable
4 organizations, and institutions of government; and

5 Whereas, Many survived the Great Depression, sacrificed at
6 home and abroad to defeat fascism and imperialism in World War II,
7 built the post-war American economy, advocated for civil rights,
8 led our state into the 21st century, and lived through the
9 worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

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

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

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

25 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
26 body recognize May 1, 2024, as Older Michigianians Day. We honor our
27 state's population of older citizens.