

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

Reps. Fox, Johnsen, DeSana, Smit, Beeler, Thompson, Wozniak, Schriver, Rigas, Friske, Cavitt, Meerman, Aragona, Alexander, Slagh, DeBoer and St. Germaine offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2-9, 2023, as Holy Week in the
2 state of Michigan and to extend best wishes to Christians in
3 Michigan, the United States, and worldwide, for a joyous and
4 meaningful observance of Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday,
5 when all Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

6 Whereas, This occasion is observed as a time to remember the
7 life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at the end
8 of his earthly ministry. Christians everywhere rejoice in the
9 completion of Jesus' redemptive work as he rose from the grave
10 three days after dying on a cross. Christians today also observe
11 Holy Week in keeping with nearly two thousand years of church

1 history that began with Jesus' victory over death; and

2 Whereas, Throughout two thousand years, on Easter Sunday,
3 faithful followers of Christ exclaim "He is Risen!" to one another
4 and respond by declaring "He is Risen indeed!" to recall the
5 living, eternal hope that they each have in the life of Christ; and

6 Whereas, Christians in Michigan, our nation, and around the
7 world remember with gratitude and reverence the works of Jesus as
8 he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, was betrayed to worldly and
9 religious authorities on Maundy Thursday, was crucified on Good
10 Friday, and rose again on Easter Sunday; and

11 Whereas, During Holy Week, Christians remember Jesus' work by
12 reading and studying the Bible, especially the historical events of
13 Jesus as described in the Gospels, by praying and by attending
14 church services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, the latter of
15 which is considered the high point of the Christian calendar; and

16 Whereas, This year, Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday, April 2,
17 2023, and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 Resolved by House of Representatives, That the members of this
20 legislative body declare April 2-9, 2023, as Holy Week in the state
21 of Michigan and extend best wishes to Christians in Michigan, the
22 United States, and worldwide, for a joyous and meaningful
23 observance of Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday, when all
24 Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.