

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

Rep. Glanville offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 17, 2023, as Older Michiganians  
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

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

7 Whereas, Ten thousand Americans celebrate their 65th birthday  
8 every 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

12 Whereas, Many amongst them, were born just as the Great  
13 Depression was ending and experienced a childhood defined by the

1 trauma of a World War. They fought in Korea and Vietnam to help  
2 stop the spread of Communism and protect the principles of  
3 democracy around the world. They raised their own children under  
4 the constant threat of the Cold War, led our state into the 21st  
5 century, advocated for civil rights, and have now lived through the  
6 worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

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

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

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

22       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
23 this legislative body declare May 17, 2023, as Older Michigianians  
24 Day in the state of Michigan. We honor our state's population of  
25 older citizens.