

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Senator Klinefelt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 17, 2023, as Older Michigianians  
2 Day.

3 Whereas, According to the 2021 American Community Survey,  
4 five-year data set, 2,438,552 Michigianians are age 60 or older,  
5 equating to 1 of every 4 citizens being an older adult as defined  
6 by the 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  
12 day and become eligible for Medicare; and

1           Whereas, Older Michiganians are critical to Michigan's  
2 economy, workforce, educational system, faith-based institutions,  
3 charitable organizations, and institutions of government; and

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

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

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

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

24           Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
25 body recognize May 17, 2023, as Older Michiganians Day. We honor  
26 our state's population of older citizens.