

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

Reps. Byrnes, Andrews, Miller, MacDonell, Liberati Jr., Tsernoglou, Foreman, Longjohn, Skaggs, McFall, Wooden, Glanville, Dievendorf, Morgan, Rheingans, T. Carter, Grant, Farhat, Arbit, B. Carter, Rogers, Scott, Price, Martus, Conlin, O'Neal, Neeley, Hope, Brixie, Young, Breen, Koleszar, Xiong, Phillips, Herzberg, Wilson, Hoskins, Witwer, Weiss, McKinney and Paiz offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 2025 as National Stalking
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Under the laws of all fifty states, the U.S.
4 territories, the District of Columbia, and federal government,
5 stalking is a crime; and

6 Whereas, Michigan law defines "stalking" as the willful course
7 of conduct involving repeated or continuing harassment of another
8 individual that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized,

1 frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested and that
2 actually causes the victim to feel terrorized, frightened,
3 intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested; and

4 Whereas, Six to seven and a half million people are stalked in
5 a one-year period in the United States and the majority of victims
6 are stalked by someone they know. Furthermore, 3 in 4 women killed
7 by an intimate partner have been stalked by that intimate partner;
8 and

9 Whereas, Many stalking victims lose time from work and
10 experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at
11 a much higher rate than the general population. Many stalking
12 victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing
13 their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;
14 and

15 Whereas, More victims are stalked using technology—such as
16 phone calls, text messages, social media platforms, internet posts,
17 emails, and electronic tracking—than not using any technology; and

18 Whereas, According to the Michigan State Police's Incident
19 Crime Report, 18,000 incidents of stalking/intimidation were
20 reported to law enforcement in 2022; and

21 Whereas, Stalking awareness advocates join forces with victim
22 service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned
23 citizens throughout the state of Michigan to achieve their mission
24 of providing education and resources on the crime of stalking; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body declare January 2025 as National Stalking
28 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We applaud the efforts of
29 victim service providers, police officers, prosecutors, national

1 and community organizations, and private sector supporters for
2 their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking.