

Rep. Barnett offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 272.

A resolution to declare October 31, 2013, to November 28, 2013, as Pumpkin and Pumpkin Spice Season in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Pumpkins retain historical significance as they were frequently utilized among Native Americans and colonists prior to Michigan attaining statehood in 1837 whether the pumpkin was utilized as a water vessel or bowl, in cooking pumpkin pie, among other applications; and

Whereas, Pumpkins today are recognized for being low in calories, fat, sodium, and are exceptional sources of Vitamin A, Vitamin B, potassium, iron, and protein; and

Whereas, The Michigan Vegetable Council concluded that the growth and cultivation of pumpkins generated approximately \$16.8 million from 98.6 million pounds of pumpkins alone, helping our local and state economies thrive; and

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development recognizes Michigan as one of the leading states in the United States in the production of pumpkins as an agricultural commodity; and

Whereas, Pumpkin spice is a seasoning which typically includes a mixture of cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and cloves that provides a vibrant taste and seasonal theme; and

Whereas, The pumpkin spice seasoning has retained contemporary cultural significance as numerous businesses in Michigan have utilized it in a variety of food products and cosmetics among other applications; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 31, 2013, to November 28, 2013, as Pumpkin and Pumpkin Spice Season in the state of Michigan. We promote state enthusiasm among our residents as we celebrate the popularity of pumpkins and the pumpkin spice seasoning. We encourage Michigan residents and businesses from every community throughout our great state to acknowledge and support the spirit of pumpkins and the pumpkin spice seasoning throughout the fall season.