

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.15

Senator Moss offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to urge the Michigan State Capitol
2 Commission to allow a menorah to be placed on the Capitol grounds
3 for the duration of the holiday season.

4 Whereas, The Michigan State Capitol Historic Site is under the
5 exclusive control of the Michigan State Capitol Commission,
6 pursuant to Public Act 240 of 2013; and

7 Whereas, The Michigan State Capitol Commission allows the
8 state Christmas tree to be placed on the Capitol grounds for the
9 duration of the holiday season. The tree selected for 2019 stands
10 more than 60 feet tall and is displayed continuously for more than
11 two months; and

12 Whereas, The Michigan State Capitol Commission has rules and
13 policies that limit the placement of other religious and seasonal
14 displays during the holiday season. These rules and policies limit

1 the size of other displays and the duration for which they can be
2 displayed. For instance, menorah displays have historically been
3 limited in size and must be taken down each night, which are
4 limitations that are not placed on the Christmas tree display; and

5 Whereas, Menorahs are important religious and cultural symbols
6 that have a place at the Capitol during the holiday season. Placing
7 restrictions on menorah displays diminishes the ability of the
8 people of this state to enjoy and celebrate meaningfully in public
9 spaces; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
11 concurring), That we urge the Michigan State Capitol Commission to
12 allow a menorah to be placed on the Capitol grounds for the
13 duration of the holiday season; and be it further

14 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
15 members of the Michigan State Capitol Commission.