

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.260

Reps. Chirkun, Brixie, Calley, Cherry, Greig, Haadsma, Hoadley, Kuppa, Liberati, Sabo, Sneller, Sowerby, Stone, Tate, Warren and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare May 2020 as Foster Care Awareness  
2   Month in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, There is nothing more precious to Michigan than the  
4   healthy growth and development of the young people who will  
5   determine the future direction of our state; and

6       Whereas, The family, serving as the primary source of love,  
7   identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our  
8   communities and our state; and

9       Whereas, In Michigan, there are nearly 13,000 children and  
10   youths in the foster care system who are being provided a safe,



1 secure, and stable home environment along with the compassion and  
2 nurturing of a foster or relative foster family; and

3       Whereas, Foster families open their homes and hearts to  
4 children whose families are in crisis and thus they play a vital  
5 role in helping children and families heal, reconnect, and launch  
6 children into successful adulthood; and

7       Whereas, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster  
8 children resulting in a continual need for more foster families;  
9 and

10       Whereas, Foster Care Awareness Month in the state of Michigan  
11 is an appropriate opportunity to thank the families who embrace the  
12 often thankless responsibility of providing a home and family to  
13 children in need of affection, love, and security, and to support  
14 the efforts of those who dedicate their time to children in and  
15 leaving foster care; and

16       Whereas, The state of Michigan must do more to improve the  
17 lives of children in foster care; now, therefore, be it

18       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
19 this legislative body declare May 2020 as Foster Care Awareness  
20 Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage more citizens to  
21 volunteer their time to become a mentor to a child that is in  
22 foster care and realize that the state of Michigan must do more to  
23 improve the lives of children in foster care.