

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.297

Reps. Pohutsky, Sowerby, Hood, LaGrand, Rabhi, Koleszar, Witwer, Manoogian, Brixie, Stone, Bolden, Clemente, Sneller, Hammoud, Hope, Kennedy, Chirkun, Brenda Carter, Hoadley, Lasinski, Hertel, Tyrone Carter, Cherry, Haadsma, Jones, Kuppa, Pagan, Sabo, Shannon, Tate, Warren and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare August 2020 as Water Quality Month in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Water Quality Month calls attention to the fact that
4 water is essential to our daily lives and has many uses including
5 drinking, agriculture, recreation, and transportation which are
6 paramount to the health and wellbeing of Michiganders across our
7 great state; and

8 Whereas, The term "water quality" refers to the standards
9 surrounding the use, protection, anti-degradation requirements, and



1 monitoring policies for our waterways, aquifers, lakes, and
2 streams. Legislators must call attention and continuously strive
3 to implement policies which protect our water resources; and

4 Whereas, Michigan values our natural resources, especially our
5 watersheds and lakes, which support our tourism, recreation, and
6 agriculture industries. We are recognized as the Great Lakes State;
7 and

8 Whereas, Water quality is monitored under the processes
9 prescribed in the Clean Water Act and is done with local and
10 community input through transparent processes which recognize the
11 vital needs for access to clean water for all Michigan citizens;
12 and

13 Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has
14 designated August as National Water Quality Month, a designation
15 which Michigan should echo and support; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare August 2020 Water Quality Month in
18 the state of Michigan. We support the continued efforts of
19 national, state, and local partners, and the efforts of Michigan
20 citizens to ensure that water quality remains a focus of our
21 natural resources policies; and be it further

22 Resolved, That we will continue to prioritize the health and
23 safety of all Michiganders when developing water quality standards
24 and policies in order to proactively prevent harm to our citizens,
25 our natural resources, and our tourism and agriculture industries.