

AS ADOPTED BY SENATE, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

Senator Johnson, Bullock, Horn, Lucido, MacDonald, Moss, Polehanki and Santana offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate September 11-17, 2019, as Michigan
2 Patriot Week.

3 Whereas, The Michigan Legislature recognizes that
4 understanding American history and our First Principles is
5 indispensable to the survival of our republic as a free people. In
6 great reverence to the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks,
7 the Legislature also acknowledges that American citizens must take
8 time to honor the First Principles, its founders, our founding
9 documents, and the symbols of their history; and

10 Whereas, The events surrounding the Constitution of the United
11 States of America by the delegates of the Constitutional Convention

1 on September 17, 1787, not only have significance for every
2 American, but are also honored in public schools across the nation
3 on September 17th of each year, which is known as Constitution Day;
4 and

5 Whereas, Revolution, the rule of law, social compact,
6 equality, unalienable rights, and limited government are the First
7 Principles upon which America was founded and flourishes; and

8 Whereas, Exceptional, visionary, and indispensable Americans
9 such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall,
10 George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin
11 Luther King, Jr., Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Thomas
12 Jefferson, and James Madison founded and advanced the United States
13 of America; and

14 Whereas, Key documents that embody America's First Principles
15 and have advanced American liberty include the Declaration of
16 Independence, the Constitution, the congressional resolution
17 forwarding the Constitution to the states, *Marbury v. Madison*, the
18 Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions, the
19 Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the "I Have
20 a Dream" speech; and

21 Whereas, The Bennington flag, the original Betsy Ross American
22 flag, current American flag, Suffragist flag, Fort Sumter flag,
23 Gadsden flag, United States Honor flag, and flag of the state of
24 Michigan are fundamental physical symbols of American history and
25 freedom that should be studied and remembered by every citizen; and

26 Whereas, We recognize that each generation needs to renew the
27 spirit of America based on these First Principles, our historical
28 figures, founding documents, and the symbols of America; and

29 Whereas, Citizens, schools, other educational institutions,

1 government agencies, municipalities, as well as nonprofit,
2 religious, labor, community, and business organizations are urged
3 to recognize and participate in Patriot Week so that all may offer
4 the reverence that is due to our free republic; now, therefore, be
5 it

6 Resolved by the Senate, That we commemorate September 11-17,
7 2019, as Michigan Patriot Week which symbolically begins on
8 September 11th and concludes on September 17th which is
9 Constitution Day.