

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.194

Reps. Hood, Pohutsky, Garza, Shannon, Witwer, Byrd, Cynthia Johnson, Cherry, Lasinski, Gay-Dagnogo, Sowerby, Brenda Carter, Coleman, Manoogian, Haadsma, LaGrand, Bolden, Stone, Kuppa, Rabhi, Brann, Anthony, Calley, Tyrone Carter, Miller, Ellison, Sneller, Afendoulis, Huizenga, Howell, VanWoerkom, Hoadley and Hammoud offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare November 1, 2019, as Lead Poisoning  
2 Prevention Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Lead is a dangerous and harmful substance to humans.  
4 It gets in our water, soil, and households. Lead comes from many  
5 sources such as paint, pipes, and certain toys; and

6       Whereas, The effects of lead can affect people of all ages.  
7 However, children, especially those under six, are at a much higher



1 risk for lead poisoning. Many items that children play with, such  
2 as toys and remains of lead paint dust, may cause lead to enter a  
3 child's body and can have dangerous consequences. Among these  
4 consequences are brain and nervous system damage, slow growth and  
5 development, and hearing and speech problems. Adults may experience  
6 decreased kidney function and elevated blood pressure; and

7       Whereas, The effects of lead can stay in a person's body for  
8 30 years or more; and

9       Whereas, This state has seen firsthand the effects that lead  
10 poisoning can have on people; and

11       Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
12 Development, low income communities are at a greater risk for lead  
13 poisoning than those in other communities; and

14       Whereas, Lead poisoning is preventable. There are many steps  
15 individuals can take to avoid lead poisoning, which include having  
16 drinking water tested, removing shoes before entering the home to  
17 prevent spreading lead from dust or soil, and thoroughly washing  
18 children's toys, hands, and pacifiers; and

19       Whereas, Lead Poisoning Prevention Day is a call to  
20 individuals, organizations, industries, state, tribal, and local  
21 governments to increase lead poisoning prevention awareness through  
22 education, resources, and action; now, therefore, be it

23       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
24 this legislative body declare November 1, 2019, as Lead Poisoning  
25 Prevention Day in the state of Michigan.