

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.260

Rep. Chirkun 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,
11 secure, and stable home environment along with the compassion and
12 nurturing of a foster or relative foster family; and



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

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

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

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

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