

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.26

Senator Horn offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize March 18, 2019, as Gas Utility
2 Worker Appreciation Day.

3 Whereas, More than three-fourths of Michigan households use
4 natural gas as their primary source for home heating, which puts
5 Michigan among the top five states in residential use of natural
6 gas and in the top ten for total gas consumption; and

7 Whereas, Michigan has the largest underground natural gas
8 storage capacity in the nation, holding more than one-tenth of the
9 U.S. total, while also having the second largest number of natural
10 gas storage fields; and

11 Whereas, Michigan has more than 110,000 miles of pipelines
12 that deliver natural gas to individual homes and businesses; and

1 Whereas, Natural gas workers maintain a network of gas
2 infrastructure assets that provide communities across the state
3 with warm homes, businesses, and cleaner electricity; and

4 Whereas, It is important for Michigan to honor and recognize
5 these men and women for their efforts in keeping homes and
6 businesses warm while also ensuring the delivery of the fuel for
7 manufacturing processes and electricity production; and

8 Whereas, At a moment's notice, these brave men and women work
9 in all weather systems and face dangerous conditions in order to
10 maintain the energy infrastructure of our state; and

11 Whereas, Working in and around roadways is often required by
12 employees who provide gas service which presents a daily danger;
13 and

14 Whereas, The Michigan Legislature has passed several public
15 acts to require drivers to drive safely in work zones and provide
16 penalties for those who do not respect these work zones; and

17 Whereas, Safety is a vital aspect to natural gas transmission
18 and distribution and the employees of such companies endeavor to
19 make natural gas delivery as safe as possible; and

20 Whereas, March 18, 1937 is the date of the New London, Texas
21 school explosion that led to the widespread odorization of natural
22 gas and an increased emphasis on natural gas safety; and

23 Whereas, This day is a national day of recognition known as
24 the National Natural Gas Workers' Day and is a way of building
25 awareness about the hard work done by employees of natural gas
26 utilities; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
28 body recognize March 18, 2019, as Gas Utility Worker Appreciation
29 Day.