

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

Reps. Steckloff, Allor, Breen, Tyrone Carter, Ellison, Garza, Haadsma, Hood, Hope, Jones, Kuppa, Morse, Rogers, Sneller, Sowerby, Steenland, Thanedar, Weiss, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 23-28, 2021, as Pollinator Week
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Pollinators are an essential part of Michigan's
4 economy and key to sustaining agriculture, biodiversity, and
5 environmental sustainability in the long and short-term future; and

6 Whereas, The United States Senate has been commemorating
7 National Pollinator Week for over 14 years to bring focus on the
8 declining population of essential pollinators and it is time for
9 Michigan to follow suit with action; and

10 Whereas, Michigan pollinators such as bees, butterflies,

1 beetles, and bats all make up an essential element to our state's
2 well-being. With pollinators in decline, nearly 1/3 of all food
3 eaten is at stake and 75% of all flowering plants are at risk; and

4 Whereas, The Pollinator Partnership and numerous legislators
5 are committed to educating the public about this growing issue and
6 the importance these species play in the economy while introducing
7 bipartisan legislation to alleviate a potential pollinator crisis;
8 and

9 Whereas, This effort to educate and act is intended to secure
10 the future of Michigan's pollinator populations and Michigan's
11 vibrant agricultural economy with a continuing gaze towards
12 sustaining this land's natural beauty; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this
14 legislative body declare June 23-28, 2021, as Pollinator Week in
15 the state of Michigan.