

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 225**

1           A resolution to declare February 4, 2022, as School Safety  
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, In the 2017-2018 school year, more than 3,659 threats  
4 and incidents of violence occurred in American K-12 schools; and

5           Whereas, The 2017-2018 school year saw 279 incidents of  
6 violence compared to 131 events in the 2016-2017 school year; and

7           Whereas, November 30, 2021, ended with the loss of Hana St.  
8 Juliana, Tate Myre, Madisyn Baldwin, and Justin Shilling from  
9 Oxford High School. This tragedy has shattered our state and we  
10 grieve with their families, friends, and the entire Oxford  
11 community; and

12           Whereas, This loss of life and innocence at Oxford High

1 School, Parkland, Columbine, Sandy Hook Elementary, and all other  
2 schools in America is unbearable, soul crushing, unacceptable, and  
3 perhaps even preventable; and

4       Whereas, It is incumbent upon us to collectively raise our  
5 voices and say not one more, and take all measures and actions to  
6 ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children, educators, and  
7 school staff; and

8       Whereas, Creating safe school environments requires a  
9 comprehensive, coordinated effort including schoolwide,  
10 districtwide, and communitywide strategies where all institutions,  
11 organizations and individuals must accept responsibility for their  
12 critical roles and collaborate to establish a positive environment  
13 for teaching and learning; and

14       Whereas, Safe schools provide an environment where teaching  
15 and learning are not distracted; disruptions are minimized; drugs,  
16 violence, bullying and fear are not present; students are not  
17 discriminated against; expectations for behavior are clearly  
18 communicated and standards of behavior are maintained; and  
19 consequences for infractions are consistently and fairly applied;  
20 and

21       Whereas, Even if the incident is not experienced directly, the  
22 number of incidents, the intense level of attention, and the  
23 elevated anxiety impacts educators, students and their communities;  
24 and

25       Whereas, Acts of violence have multiple causes and will  
26 require multiple solutions to prevent as many tragedies as we can,  
27 and heal from the acts we are unable to stop; now, therefore, be it

28       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this  
29 legislative body declare February 4, 2022, as School Safety

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