

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 354

Reps. Young, Bezotte, Breen, Cherry, Clemente, Garza, Haadsma, Hope, Kuppa, Liberati, Morse, Rabhi, Rogers, Sabo, Sneller, Steenland, Stone, Weiss, Whiteford and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare October 2022 as Domestic Violence  
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, According to the National Coalition Against Domestic  
4 Violence (NCADV), Domestic Violence Awareness Month was launched  
5 nationwide in October 1981 as a way to connect and unite  
6 individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues  
7 and raise awareness for those issues; and

8           Whereas, NCADV defines domestic violence as the willful  
9 intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or

1 other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and  
2 control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It  
3 includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological  
4 violence, and emotional abuse; and

5       Whereas, Domestic violence impacts individuals in every  
6 community of our state, regardless of age, economic status, sexual  
7 orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

8       Whereas, Perpetrators of domestic violence intentionally  
9 engage in a pattern of behavior to exert coercive control in  
10 intimate partner relationships, violating the fundamental human  
11 rights of those they abuse; and

12       Whereas, According to the NCADV, 36.1 percent of Michigan  
13 women and 25.8 percent of Michigan men experience intimate partner  
14 physical violence, intimate partner rape and/or intimate partner  
15 stalking in their lives. In fact, in just a single day in 2019,  
16 Michigan domestic violence programs provided services to 3,204  
17 adult and child survivors. Another 376 requests for services went  
18 unmet due to lack of resources. In 2019, 57,018 incidents of  
19 domestic violence were reported to Michigan police and many others  
20 went unreported. In 2019, there were 44 reported domestic violence  
21 murders in Michigan; and

22       Whereas, Domestic violence is deadly. According to the NCADV,  
23 between 2008 and 2017, there were 903 reported domestic violence  
24 murders and non-negligent manslaughters; and

25       Whereas, While throughout the last three decades, much  
26 progress has been made to support domestic violence victims and  
27 survivors and to hold abusers accountable, continued awareness,  
28 education, and action are crucial to intervention in and prevention  
29 of domestic violence; and

1       Whereas, We must work together to educate our entire  
2   population about what can be done to prevent domestic violence,  
3   hold perpetrators accountable, support the individual and unique  
4   needs of survivors, and ensure that survivors are not re-  
5   victimized; now, therefore, be it

6       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
7   this legislative body declare October 2022 as Domestic Violence  
8   Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.