

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.158

Senators Brinks, McCann, Bayer, Chang, Geiss, Huizenga, Santana and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to commemorate July 2022 as Michigan Beer Month.

2           Whereas, Michigan breweries are a vibrant affirmation and  
3 expression of our entrepreneurial traditions, operating as  
4 community-based small businesses and providing more than 13,000  
5 full-time jobs; and

6           Whereas, Michigan has breweries in every region with more than  
7 400 breweries statewide; and

8           Whereas, Our state ranks sixth in the nation for overall  
9 number of breweries, microbreweries, and brewpubs; and

10           Whereas, The Michigan Brewers Guild celebrates locally made  
11 beer by hosting its Summer Beer Festival every July, one of five

1 annual events held around the state; and

2       Whereas, The Michigan Brewers Guild represents a passionate  
3 beer community that believes in quality artisanship, bold  
4 character, fun, responsibility, and pushing the boundaries, while  
5 also promoting and protecting the Michigan beer industry with an  
6 overarching goal to help locally brewed beer attain 20 percent of  
7 all beer sales in the state by 2025; and

8       Whereas, This year, the Michigan Brewers Guild celebrates its  
9 25th anniversary as a nonprofit trade association with its  
10 breweries and the beer community; and

11       Whereas, Brewers in Michigan support our state's agriculture  
12 by purchasing hops, malted barley, wheat, beet sugar, cherries,  
13 apples, and numerous other fruits, herbs, spices, and vegetables  
14 grown here, along with water sourced from the Great Lakes; and

15       Whereas, Michigan brewers promote a spirit of independence  
16 through a renaissance in locally produced beers, like those first  
17 brought to the state by European settlers and created by our  
18 forefathers, including Bernhard Stroh, for the enjoyment of the  
19 citizenry; and

20       Whereas, Striving to educate legal drinking-age residents,  
21 Michigan brewers convey awareness about the differences in beer  
22 flavor, aroma, color, alcohol content, body, and other complex  
23 variables, beer history, and gastronomic qualities of beer; and

24       Whereas, Michigan brewers champion the message of responsible  
25 enjoyment to their customers and work within their communities to  
26 prevent alcohol abuse and underage drinking; and

27       Whereas, Breweries in Michigan produce dozens of distinct  
28 styles of flavorful beers, the quality and diversity of which have  
29 made Michigan the envy of many, while also contributing to the

1 balanced trade of increased Michigan exports and the promotion of  
2 our state's tourism; and

3       Whereas, The Michigan brewing industry has had great growth  
4 and success, contributing more than \$513 million in labor income  
5 with a total economic contribution of more than \$1.8 billion,  
6 thriving and expanding to further their economic importance to the  
7 state; and

8       Whereas, Michigan brewers are vested in the future, health,  
9 and welfare of their communities as employers provide a diverse  
10 array of quality, local jobs. Brewers are also contributors to the  
11 local tax base and are committed partners for a broad range of  
12 local, regional, and state nonprofit organizations and other  
13 philanthropic causes. Though not every citizen in Michigan agrees  
14 with the lifestyle of consuming alcohol, it is agreed that every  
15 beverage is special, precious, unique and loved by its creator, and  
16 each beer is created in a brewer's image; now, therefore, be it

17       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
18 body commemorate July 2022 as Michigan Beer Month and recognize the  
19 contributions that Michigan brewers have made to our state's  
20 communities, economy, and history; and be it further

21       Resolved, That we commend Michigan breweries for providing  
22 jobs, improving the balance of trade, supporting our state's  
23 agriculture, and educating residents about the history and culture  
24 of beer, while encouraging the responsible consumption of beer as a  
25 beverage of moderation.