

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.161

Senator Bumstead and Chang offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate July 2022 as Michigan Wildlife
2 Conservation Month.

3 Whereas, Michigan's natural beauty, abundant wildlife, and
4 plentiful waters are enjoyed from Belle Isle to Baraga by millions
5 of residents and visitors and should be preserved and protected for
6 future generations; and

7 Whereas, Hunters and anglers were among the first
8 conservationists, pushing for active wildlife management and
9 conservation to ensure wildlife continues to flourish; and

10 Whereas, Science-based wildlife management and conservation
11 decisions such as actively enhancing habitat, monitoring wildlife
12 populations, preventing the spread of disease, and regulating

1 hunting and fishing seasons help balance our use of natural
2 resources with the needs of Michigan's wildlife; and

3 Whereas, As a result of these protections, regulations, and
4 extensive conservation efforts, Michigan populations of white-
5 tailed deer, grouse, Kirtland's Warbler, and many other species
6 have rebounded from near extirpation; and

7 Whereas, Michigan has approximately 11,000 inland lakes and
8 76,000 miles of rivers and streams which provide abundant wildlife
9 habitat; and

10 Whereas, July 1, 2022, marks the 84th anniversary of the
11 effective date for the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife
12 Restoration Act, which provides funding for wildlife management
13 projects across the nation through the purchase of hunting
14 equipment; and

15 Whereas, Hunting and fishing licenses provide tens of millions
16 of dollars each year for wildlife conservation; and

17 Whereas, Annually, hunters and anglers contribute \$11.2
18 billion to Michigan's economy and create 171,000 jobs, making these
19 activities one of the state's top ten job-creating industries,
20 according to a recent study by the Michigan United Conservation
21 Clubs; and

22 Whereas, This year is also the ninth anniversary of the
23 creation of the Michigan Wildlife Council, a bipartisan-approved
24 panel entrusted with educating the public about the importance of
25 wildlife management in preserving Michigan's outdoor heritage for
26 future generations; and

27 Whereas, In large part because of the council's activities,
28 more Michiganders than ever before are aware of the essential role
29 hunting and fishing play in conserving, managing, and protecting

- 1 Michigan's wildlife; now, therefore, be it
- 2 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
- 3 body designate July 2022 as Michigan Wildlife Conservation Month.