## MICHIGAN SENATE

## Senate Resolution No. 104

Offered by Senators Chang, Wojno, Bullock, Geiss, Bayer, Brinks, Moss and Stamas

## A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 1, 2022, AS WORLD HIJAB DAY

WHEREAS, World Hijab Day, started by Nazma Khan, is a day for women of different cultures, who do not normally wear the hijab, to experience wearing one for the day. Its purpose is to encourage religious tolerance, cultural understanding, and international solidarity; and

WHEREAS, The hijab, a traditional veil which covers a woman's hair and chest, has been very important to the history of Islam. It is meant to promote dignity and respect for women while maintaining modesty and respect for their religion; and

WHEREAS, On February 1, 2013, the world celebrated its first annual World Hijab Day in recognition of millions of Muslim women who choose to wear the hijab and live a life of religious faith; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, World Hijab Day has participants from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, To combat prejudice, leaders in the American Muslim community are working tirelessly to show that the wearing of the hijab is a choice, a freedom, and a blessing, while also educating their fellow citizens about Islam in relevant and meaningful ways; and

WHEREAS, One of America's greatest strengths is our ability to embrace different faiths and allow members to express themselves freely; and

WHEREAS, Michigan citizens come from a variety of backgrounds and are united in affirming the inherent dignity of all people, the right of every person to be treated with respect, and the right of all citizens to practice religion freely; and

WHEREAS, World Hijab Day encourages the wearing of the hijab as a proud display of religious faith and communal bonding which will make us stronger as a more accepting nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That members of this legislative body recognize February 1, 2022, as World Hijab Day.

Adopted by the Senate, January 27, 2022.

Secretary of the Senate