

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.159

Rep. Berman offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 11-17, 2021, as Patriot Week
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, We recognize that understanding American history and
4 America's first principles are indispensable to the survival of our
5 republic as a free people. In great reverence to the victims of the
6 attacks on September 11, 2001, we acknowledge that American
7 citizens must take time to honor the first principles, founders,
8 documents, and symbols of their history; and

9 Whereas, The events that led to the signing of the
10 Constitution of the United States of America by the delegates of
11 the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have
12 significance for every American. This historical occasion is
13 honored in public schools across the nation on September 17 of each

1 year as Constitution Day; and

2 Whereas, Revolution, the rule of law, social compact,
3 equality, unalienable rights, and limited government are the first
4 principles upon which America was founded and flourishes; and

5 Whereas, Exceptional, visionary, and indispensable Americans
6 such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall,
7 George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin
8 Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B.
9 Anthony, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded and advanced
10 the United States; and

11 Whereas, The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and
12 the congressional resolution forwarding the Constitution to the
13 states, *Marbury v. Madison*, Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments
14 and Resolutions, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation
15 Proclamation, *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Civil Rights Act of
16 1964, and the "I Have a Dream" speech are key documents that embody
17 America's first principles and have advanced American liberty; and

18 Whereas, The Bennington Flag, the original Betsy Ross American
19 flag, the current American Flag, the Suffragist Flag, the Fort
20 Sumter Flag, the Gadsden Flag, and the flag of the state of
21 Michigan are fundamental physical symbols of American history and
22 freedom that should be studied and remembered by each American
23 citizen; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
25 this legislative body declare September 11-17, 2021, as Patriot
26 Week in the state of Michigan. We recognize that each generation
27 needs to renew the spirit of America based on America's first
28 principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of
29 America. The citizens, schools and other educational institutions,

1 government agencies, municipalities, and nonprofit, religious,
2 labor, community, and business organizations are urged to recognize
3 and participate in Patriot Week by honoring and celebrating so that
4 all may offer the reverence that is due to our free republic.