

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.179

Rep. Young offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare October 2021 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  
10 other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and  
11 control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It  
12 includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological

1 violence, and emotional abuse; and

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

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

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

19       Whereas, While throughout the last three decades, much  
20 progress has been made to support domestic violence victims and  
21 survivors and to hold abusers accountable, continued awareness,  
22 education, and action are crucial to intervention in and prevention  
23 of domestic violence; and

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

29       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

- 1 this legislative body declare October 2021 as Domestic Violence
- 2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.