

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.19

Senators Polehanki, Moss, Bayer, Wojno, Alexander, Hertel and Brinks offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to designate March 1, 2021, as COVID-19 Victims  
2 and Survivors Memorial Day.

3       Whereas, SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus  
4 that can transmit from person-to-person and has spread across the  
5 world, creating a global pandemic and having catastrophic effects  
6 on human life, our communities, and our economy; and

7       Whereas, In response to the rapid spread of COVID-19 and  
8 recent stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to  
9 provide critical services in order to help protect our communities  
10 and save lives, while sacrificing their own health and safety; and

11       Whereas, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-

1 income communities and communities of color, exacerbating the  
2 inequities already prevalent in our systems, and has further  
3 exposed how racism and classism are America's most dangerous  
4 preexisting conditions; and

5       Whereas, The symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary  
6 dramatically by individuals and the long-term health implications  
7 for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer from  
8 lingering side effects of the disease; and

9       Whereas, As of February 23, 2021, more than 2.48 million  
10 people worldwide and 500,000 people in the United States have lost  
11 their lives due to COVID-19, and, in Michigan alone, more than  
12 15,362 lives have been lost to this deadly virus; and

13       Whereas, Each life lost to COVID-19 matters and leaves a hole  
14 in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and surrounding  
15 communities; and

16       Whereas, Public health guidance and policies targeted at  
17 prevention such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and  
18 staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness,  
19 and lessen the burden on individuals and society; now, therefore,  
20 be it

21       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
22 body designate March 1, 2021, as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors  
23 Memorial Day; and be it further

24       Resolved, That we urge local residents to continue to take  
25 preventative measures, including social distancing and following  
26 public health orders, to mitigate the spread of this virus; and be  
27 it further

28       Resolved, That this resolution pay tribute to essential  
29 workers and those who rose in service to protect the public.