

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.110

Senators Irwin, Stamas, Santana, McBroom, Polehanki, Johnson and Schmidt offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to recognize February 18, 2022, as National  
2 Caregivers Day.

3       Whereas, February 18, 2022, marks National Caregivers Day,  
4 initially created in 2015 to recognize in-home caregivers who  
5 provide personal care and support to enable millions of Americans  
6 who are aging or who have a disability to remain safe and healthy  
7 in their own homes; and

8       Whereas, Home care has emerged as a valuable solution to fill  
9 gaps created by traditional care models, including hospitals,  
10 nursing homes, and home health; and

11       Whereas, Professional caregivers work for licensed home care

1 agencies and receive training to enable them to assist with  
2 activities of daily living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing, and  
3 meal preparation. Most importantly, these caregivers provide vital  
4 companionship and mental stimulation by engaging their clients in  
5 conversation and other activities; and

6       Whereas, Professional caregivers, who amount to nearly 4.6  
7 million in the United States, and family caregivers who amount to  
8 an estimated 44 million, are lifelines to Americans while keeping  
9 them safe, healthy, and engaged; and

10       Whereas, Important benefits of home care include helping  
11 seniors lead more independent lives, preventing falls and other  
12 common injuries, promoting medication adherence, and reducing  
13 social isolation; and

14       Whereas, The home care industry is among the fastest growing  
15 healthcare industries in the United States and the Home Care  
16 Association, Michigan Chapter continuously advocates on behalf of  
17 providers and professional caregivers who have been essential in  
18 the fight against COVID-19; and

19       Whereas, Caregivers have truly stepped up to the challenge of  
20 COVID-19, not only caring for their clients, but also risking their  
21 own personal health and safety while doing so; and

22       Whereas, Home care workers enable families to stay together at  
23 home safely and with dignity as they age; now, therefore, be it

24       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
25 body recognize February 18, 2022, as National Caregivers Day; and  
26 be it further

27       Resolved, That we express our gratitude to caregivers for  
28 their unwavering commitment to their clients and families,  
29 especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

1           Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the  
2 Governor.