

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 122

Reps. Scott, Brixie, Aiyash, O'Neal, Neeley, Young, McKinney, Tyrone Carter, Brenda Carter, Wilson, Wegela, Hoskins, Edwards, Dievendorf, Rogers, Whitsett, Alexander, Churches, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Haadsma, Morse, Rheingans and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare June 19-25, 2023, as Pollinators Week  
2 in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Pollinator species such as bees and other insects  
4 play a vital role in pollination, which is essential for the  
5 production of one-third of our food supply; and

6           Whereas, Michigan's agriculture greatly benefits from  
7 pollinators, with fruits and vegetables generating over \$2 billion  
8 in revenue annually. Approximately half of this produce relies on  
9 bee pollination; and

1           Whereas, The decline of pollinators, caused by factors such as  
2 habitat loss, environmental changes, and monoculture crops, poses a  
3 significant threat to our food supply, landscapes, and ecosystems;  
4 and

5           Whereas, Supporting Michigan's native plants and creating  
6 pollinator-friendly habitats can help mitigate the decline of  
7 pollinators, prevent soil erosion, and increase carbon  
8 sequestration; and

9           Whereas, Raising awareness about the importance of avoiding  
10 pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, as well as promoting the  
11 planting of pollinator-friendly plants, is crucial for the  
12 preservation and restoration of pollinator populations; and

13           Whereas, Educating the public about the significance of adding  
14 natural habitat to farmland, public areas, and personal spaces can  
15 contribute to the protection and enhancement of pollinator  
16 habitats; and

17           Whereas, Designating a specific week to focus on pollinators  
18 would provide a valuable opportunity to educate Michigan citizens  
19 about the economic stability and health benefits associated with  
20 pollinators; and

21           Whereas, Michigan Pollinators Week is dedicated to raising  
22 awareness about the importance of pollinators, promoting  
23 pollinator-friendly practices, and encouraging the conservation of  
24 pollinator habitats; now, therefore, be it

25           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
26 this legislative body declare June 19-25, 2023, as Pollinators Week  
27 in the state of Michigan. We urge all Michigan citizens,  
28 educational institutions, community organizations, and businesses  
29 to participate in Michigan Pollinators Week by organizing

- 1 educational events, workshops, and initiatives that highlight the
- 2 significance of pollinators and promote actions to protect and
- 3 support their populations.