

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

Senators Shink, Chang, McMorrow, Bayer and Polehanki offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize June 29-July 5, 2025, as Aquatic
2 Invasive Species Awareness Week.

3 Whereas, Early summer marks the beginning of water-related
4 recreational activities in Michigan; and

5 Whereas, Our state and economy are defined by the Great Lakes
6 and depend on its great abundance of fresh water for public water
7 supplies, manufacturing, tourism, fishing, agriculture, and
8 numerous other uses; and

9 Whereas, Preventing the introduction and spread of aquatic
10 invasive species ultimately benefits Michigan; and

11 Whereas, Stopping the introduction and spread of these species
12 would eliminate the need of our state, businesses, industry, and
13 citizens from employing costly methods to control and manage them;

1 and

2 Whereas, We are protecting the Great Lakes and our many inland
3 lakes and rivers from aquatic invasive species from a number of
4 pathways, including ballast water, canals and waterways, organisms
5 in trade, and recreational activities such as boating and angling;
6 and

7 Whereas, Over 180 nonindigenous aquatic species are already
8 established in the Great Lakes basin, many of which are displacing
9 native species, disrupting habitats, and degrading natural,
10 managed, and agricultural landscapes, resulting in millions of
11 dollars for control efforts each year; and

12 Whereas, Michigan has over 900,000 registered boaters and many
13 other recreational, commercial, and industrial users of over 11,000
14 inland lakes and over 76,000 miles of rivers and streams in the
15 state, many of which are impacted by aquatic invasive species; and

16 Whereas, Bringing awareness is an important step toward
17 behavior change, which prevents the introduction and spread of
18 aquatic invasive species; and

19 Whereas, Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week is an
20 opportunity for our government to join forces with businesses,
21 industry, environmental groups, community organizations, citizens,
22 and other Great Lakes states and provinces to take action against
23 the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
26 body recognize June 29-July 5, 2025, as Aquatic Invasive Species
27 Awareness Week.