

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 215

Reps. Fairbairn, Prestin, Beson, Bohnak, Neyer, Rigas, Paquette, Markkanen, Alexander, Cavitt, Martin, VanderWall and Borton offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare November 15, 2025, as Hunting Heritage  
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, In many Michigan homes and communities, hunting holds  
4 deep cultural significance; and

5       Whereas, November 15 was established as opening day of  
6 firearms deer season in 1925. While it proceeded to move around the  
7 fall calendar several times, it was returned to the traditional  
8 date in 1968, prompting pilgrimages to deer camps, hunting  
9 properties, stands, blinds, farms, and forests every year; and

10       Whereas, Opening day of firearms deer season has been a day of  
11 community, family, tradition, and bonding for Michigan deer  
12 hunters. It has become so ingrained in local customs and tradition

1 that some schools and businesses in the state of Michigan close in  
2 observance of this annual rite; and

3       Whereas, Wildlife management would be an insurmountable  
4 problem in Michigan, were it not for hunters; and

5       Whereas, Groups throughout Michigan, such as the Michigan  
6 Sportsmen Against Hunger and the Hunters Feeding Michigan program,  
7 in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
8 and Feeding America, allow for generous hunters to donate a portion  
9 of their harvest to families in need. These programs and those who  
10 participate in them demonstrate the positive impact hunters have in  
11 communities throughout the state; and

12       Whereas, Hunting supports more than 135,000 Michigan jobs  
13 annually, and has an estimated 8.9-billion-dollar positive impact  
14 on our state's economy each year; and

15       Whereas, Acknowledgement and appreciation are due to the men  
16 and women who, through their passion for the time-honored tradition  
17 of hunting, have had an immensely positive impact on the lives of  
18 their families and communities, statewide wildlife management, and  
19 our economy; now, therefore, be it

20       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
21 this legislative body declare November 15, 2025, as Hunting  
22 Heritage Day in the state of Michigan. We support Michigan hunting  
23 culture and tradition as cherished and beneficial cornerstones of  
24 our Michigan identity.