

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 339

Reps. Kuppa, Breen, Clemente, Garza, Haadsma, Hope, Cynthia Johnson, Morse, Rogers, Sneller, Sowerby and Stone offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare September 21, 2022, as Michigan Peace  
2 Day and International Day of Peace in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Since 1981, the United Nations (UN) has designated  
4 September 21st as International Day of Peace, also known as Peace  
5 Day, to provide "a globally shared date for all humanity to commit  
6 to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a  
7 culture of peace"; and

8           Whereas, The theme of International Day of Peace 2022 is "End  
9 Racism. Build Peace."; and

10           Whereas, Michigan is a strong and diverse state that is home  
11 to people of all backgrounds and beliefs; and

1           Whereas, The UN General Assembly has declared this a day  
2 "devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24  
3 hours of non-violence and cease-fire"; and

4           Whereas, The UN has also acknowledged that "achieving true  
5 peace entails much more than laying down arms. It requires the  
6 building of societies where all members feel that they can  
7 flourish. It involves creating a world in which people are treated  
8 equally"; and

9           Whereas, In the United States, Michigan is bound by the  
10 promise made in the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth  
11 Amendment to the United States Constitution, which provides that  
12 "nor shall any State ... deny to any person within its jurisdiction  
13 the equal protection of the laws"; and

14           Whereas, Michigan's own State Constitution affirms this  
15 sentiment, stating that "No person shall be denied the equal  
16 protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the  
17 enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated  
18 against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color or  
19 national origin"; now, therefore, be it

20           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
21 this legislative body declare September 21, 2022, as Michigan Peace  
22 Day and International Day of Peace in the state of Michigan; and be  
23 it further

24           Resolved, That it is with great honor and appreciation that we  
25 take this time to join other states and nations in expressing our  
26 commitment to healing divisions, particularly racial divisions, and  
27 promoting peace in all aspects of life; and be it further

28           Resolved, That as we recognize the interconnectedness of  
29 humanity and global challenges, we also recognize our duty as

- 1 Michiganders to internalize and strive for the ideals of peace, and
- 2 instill a sense of pride in ourselves and our children for future
- 3 generations.