

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 356

Reps. Posthumus, Breen, Garza, Haadsma, Koleszar, Kuppa, Morse, Rogers, Sabo, Steenland, Weiss and Whiteford offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2022 as Library Appreciation
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The Michigan Library Association (MLA) annually
4 designates the month of October as a statewide observance to
5 celebrate the contributions of Michigan's public, school, academic,
6 tribal, cooperative, and special libraries; and

7 Whereas, Michigan's libraries continue to evolve and expand
8 their services and now offer more programs, events, services,
9 resources, and collections than ever to serve and support their
10 communities; and

11 Whereas, Libraries are now dynamic centers of discovery and

1 lifelong learning - serving as concert venues, art galleries,
2 tourist destinations, meeting spaces, community living rooms,
3 makerspaces, study rooms, and more; and

4 Whereas, Libraries now offer patrons much more to borrow than
5 books, including tablets and laptops, mobile hotspots, tools,
6 games, movies, music, and more - serving as an indispensable
7 resource for children, teens, adults, and seniors; and

8 Whereas, Libraries provide free access to information to
9 millions of Michiganders allowing them to explore and discover a
10 vast world of information and entertainment; and

11 Whereas, Libraries provide materials and programs that are as
12 diverse as the people they serve, while protecting patron's privacy
13 and supporting their right to read; and

14 Whereas, Libraries serve as the primary point of access for
15 people without internet or access to computers, enabling everyone
16 to connect to the people and ideas of the world; and

17 Whereas, Michigan libraries are indispensable educational and
18 cultural institutions in the heart of our communities, offering
19 Michiganders a place to gather, socialize, study, and learn; and

20 Whereas, Hundreds of libraries and millions of library
21 supporters across Michigan are celebrating Michigan Library
22 Appreciation Month this October; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
24 this legislative body declare October 2022 as Michigan Library
25 Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan. During this time, all
26 residents are encouraged to visit their library in person or
27 virtually and connect to the numerous services, resources, and
28 collections their library now provides.