

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

Rep. Steckloff offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 23-28, 2021, as Pollinator Week
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Pollinators are an essential part of Michigan's
4 economy and key to sustaining agriculture, biodiversity, and
5 environmental sustainability in the long and short-term future; and

6 Whereas, The United States Senate has been commemorating
7 National Pollinator Week for over 14 years to bring focus on the
8 declining population of essential pollinators and it is time for
9 Michigan to follow suit with action; and

10 Whereas, Michigan pollinators such as bees, butterflies,
11 beetles, and bats all make up an essential element to our state's
12 well-being. With pollinators in decline, nearly 1/3 of all food
13 eaten is at stake and 75% of all flowering plants are at risk; and

1 Whereas, The Pollinator Partnership and numerous legislators
2 are committed to educating the public about this growing issue and
3 the importance these species play in the economy while introducing
4 bipartisan legislation to alleviate a potential pollinator crisis;
5 and

6 Whereas, This effort to educate and act is intended to secure
7 the future of Michigan's pollinator populations and Michigan's
8 vibrant agricultural economy with a continuing gaze towards
9 sustaining this land's natural beauty; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this
11 legislative body declare June 23-28, 2021, as Pollinator Week in
12 the state of Michigan.