

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 185

Reps. Sabo and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 24-30, 2021, as Fire
2 Prevention Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Last year, home fires killed more than 122 Michigan
4 citizens. According to the National Fire Incident Reporting System,
5 fire departments throughout the state responded to over 13,699 home
6 fires in 2020; and

7 Whereas, According to the latest National Fire Protection
8 Association "Smoke Alarms in the U.S." report, working smoke alarms
9 in the home reduce the risk of dying in a reported fire by more
10 than half. However, almost three out of five home fire deaths occur
11 in homes with no smoke alarms (41 percent) or smoke alarms that
12 failed to operate (16 percent), missing or non-functional power
13 sources, including missing or disconnected batteries, dead

1 batteries, and disconnected hardwired alarms or other AC power
2 issues

3 Whereas, Michigan's first responders are dedicated to reducing
4 the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through
5 prevention, protection, and education so families can take personal
6 steps to increase their safety from fire in their homes; and

7 Whereas, The 2021 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Learn The
8 Sounds of Fire Safety" effectively serves to educate the public
9 about the sounds smoke alarms make, what those sounds mean, and how
10 to respond to them; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
12 this legislative body declare October 24-30, 2021, as Fire
13 Prevention Week in the state of Michigan. We urge all the people of
14 Michigan to educate themselves on and practice cooking safely
15 during this observance.