

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 339

Rep. Kuppa 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

12 Whereas, The UN General Assembly has declared this a day
13 "devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24

1 hours of non-violence and cease-fire"; and

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

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

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

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

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

26 Resolved, That as we recognize the interconnectedness of
27 humanity and global challenges, we also recognize our duty as
28 Michiganders to internalize and strive for the ideals of peace, and
29 instill a sense of pride in ourselves and our children for future

1 generations.