

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 356

Rep. Posthumus 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
12 lifelong learning - serving as concert venues, art galleries,
13 tourist destinations, meeting spaces, community living rooms,

1 makerspaces, study rooms, and more; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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