

Reps. Schor, Barnett, Brown, Darany, Geiss, Kelly, Roberts, Singh and Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 192.

A resolution to declare October 2013 as Harvest Gathering Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan represents regional food banks that serve all 83 counties in Michigan; and

Whereas, 24.8% of Michigan residents regularly face hunger in their household; and

Whereas, 23% of Michigan children do not have a consistent source of healthy, nutritious food; and

Whereas, Michigan food banks distribute food and resources to direct service agencies including pantries, after school programs and senior centers; and

Whereas, Michigan food banks coordinate outreach and educational programs throughout the year to promote healthy and responsible choices that affect hunger; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan provides statewide leadership to food banks in their efforts to alleviate hunger through the distribution of surplus food to those in need; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan coordinates surplus donations from Michigan farmers in order to make available fresh, nutritious produce into the emergency food system; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan is in the position to mobilize many diverse facets of Michigan communities including corporate entities, foundations, Michigan farmers, state government employees, health care centers, and individuals at a state-wide level; and

Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan has consistently increased the capacity and support for the annual Michigan Harvest Gathering since 1991, making a significant impact in alleviating hunger throughout challenging economic years in the state; and

Whereas, The Michigan Harvest Gathering looks to expand its efforts to further reach Michigan residents to understand hunger in their communities and assist those in need of emergency service; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan can be proud to encourage the collaborative and innovative strategies which bring positive impact and security to families, individuals and communities that are desperately in need of support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 2013 as Harvest Gathering Month in the state of Michigan.