

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Senators Polehanki, Irwin, McMorrow, Chang, Geiss, Ananich, Hertel, Bullock, Wojno, Bayer, McCann, Moss, Santana, Brinks, Alexander and Hollier offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate May 22, 2019, as Equal Rights
2 Advocacy Day.

3 Whereas, Michigan supports equal rights for all who live,
4 study, work, and visit our Great Lakes state; and

5 Whereas, The Michigan Constitution does not explicitly
6 guarantee that all of the rights it protects are held equally by
7 all without regard to gender; and

8 Whereas, The laws that prohibit gender discrimination still
9 exist today, but can be repealed or reduced by a simple majority in
10 the legislature; and

1 Whereas, Even though Michigan ratified the United States
2 (U.S.) Equal Rights Amendment on May 22, 1972, it still does not
3 have gender equality guaranteed in its own state constitution; and

4 Whereas, The Equal Rights Amendment was ratified by 37 out of
5 38 states, although without full ratification, the U.S.
6 Constitution fails to guarantee female citizens equal rights and
7 equal justice; and

8 Whereas, An Equal Rights Amendment would help correct systemic
9 gender discrimination that is both widespread and pervasive; and

10 Whereas, Many women have dedicated their entire lives to a
11 constitutional amendment affirming that women have equal rights and
12 protections under the U.S. Constitution; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
14 body commemorate May 22, 2019, as Equal Rights Advocacy Day.