

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

Reps. Paiz, Arbit, Brabec, Breen, Brixie, Byrnes, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Haadsma, Hill, Hood, Hope, Hoskins, Liberati, McFall, Mentzer, Morse, Pohutsky, Price, Rheingans, Rogers, Shannon, Stone, Wilson and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 25, 2023, as Librarian and
2 Library Worker Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Libraries are cultural institutions at the heart of
4 every Michigan community and campus, and the heartbeat of every
5 library is its people - its librarians and library workers; and

6 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers demonstrate
7 an unwavering commitment to excellence in their profession that
8 inspires and enriches the lives of all who visit our libraries; and

9 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers strive to

1 create inclusive collections and programs, and provide access to
2 information and resources to all members of the community
3 regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation,
4 gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

5 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers promote
6 literacy and life-long learning and foster creativity and
7 innovation; and

8 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers form
9 welcoming spaces that promote local connection and foster a sense
10 of community, advancing understanding and civic engagement; and

11 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers create safe
12 places for their community members to explore new ideas anonymously
13 without fear of judgment, hatred, or reprisal; and

14 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers make order
15 out of chaos and help families in Michigan find the information
16 they want AND the information they didn't even know they were
17 looking for; and

18 Whereas, Michigan's librarians and library workers demonstrate
19 courage and professionalism in upholding the principles of
20 intellectual freedom and open access to information for all, even
21 in the face of opposition or controversy; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
23 this legislative body declare April 25, 2023, as Librarian and
24 Library Worker Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize and honor
25 the contributions of Michigan's librarians and library workers and
26 commend them for their advocacy and leadership in protecting
27 intellectual freedom and the right to read, ensuring equity of
28 access to information for all Michiganders, promoting literacy, and
29 creating welcoming spaces, programs, and collections that inspire

1 and enrich the lives of all Michiganders. We celebrate this
2 occasion to acknowledge the commitment, dedication, and innovation
3 of Michigan's librarians and library workers, and to thank them for
4 their invaluable service and contributions to the state.