

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Senators Klinefelt, Bayer, Bellino, Brinks, Bumstead, Cavanagh, Chang, Cherry, Damoose, Geiss, Hertel, Irwin, Johnson, Lauwers, McCann, McDonald Rivet, McMorrow, Moss, Outman, Polehanki, Runestad, Santana, Shink, Singh, Webber and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 17, 2023, as Older Michiganians
2 Day.

3 Whereas, According to the 2021 American Community Survey,
4 five-year data set, 2,438,552 Michiganians are age 60 or older,
5 equating to 1 of every 4 citizens being an older adult as defined
6 by the Older Americans Act; and

7 Whereas, There are more older adults than children under the
8 age of 18 in our state (2,188,856); and

1 Whereas, There are more older adults than pre-K through 12th
2 grade students in our state (1,624,039); and

3 Whereas, 10,000 Americans celebrate their 65th birthday every
4 day and become eligible for Medicare; and

5 Whereas, Older Michiganians are critical to Michigan's
6 economy, workforce, educational system, faith-based institutions,
7 charitable organizations, and institutions of government; and

8 Whereas, Many survived the Great Depression, sacrificed at
9 home and abroad to defeat fascism and imperialism in World War II,
10 built the post-war American economy, advocated for civil rights,
11 led our state into the 21st century and have now lived through the
12 worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

13 Whereas, Older adults deserve our utmost respect and gratitude
14 for their many contributions to our communities. Older citizens
15 play vital leadership, volunteer and mentoring roles all across our
16 great state. Their lifetime contributions are immense and
17 immeasurable in sum, while also being deeply personal, impactful,
18 and meaningful on an individual basis; and

19 Whereas, Older adults are one of our state's greatest
20 resources for understanding our past and improving our future. They
21 are truly a foundation upon which we can build a better tomorrow;
22 and

23 Whereas, This invaluable group of citizens is being honored
24 and admired for their many years of service in communities large
25 and small across the entire state of Michigan. They have been an
26 indispensable source of knowledge and inspiration throughout the
27 years; now, therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
29 body recognize May 17, 2023, as Older Michiganians Day. We honor

1 our state's population of older citizens.