

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

Reps. Fox, Prestin, Cavitt, Zorn, Kuhn, Beeler, Posthumus, DeSana, Jaime Greene, Rigas, Markkanen, Alexander, Fink, Friske, Smit, DeBoer, Roth, Phil Green, Wozniak, Bezotte, Slagh, Paquette, Johnsen, Schmaltz, DeBoyer, Hoadley, Kunse, Beson, BeGole, Meerman, VanderWall, Schuette, Borton and Neyer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 24-31, 2024, as Holy Week in the
2 state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, This occasion is observed as a time to remember the
4 life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at the end
5 of his earthly ministry. Christians everywhere rejoice in the
6 completion of Jesus' redemptive work as he rose from the grave
7 three days after dying on a cross. Christians today also observe

1 Holy Week in keeping with nearly two thousand years of church
2 history that began with Jesus' victory over death; and

3 Whereas, Throughout two thousand years, on Easter Sunday,
4 faithful followers of Christ exclaim "He is Risen!" to one another
5 and respond by declaring "He is Risen indeed!" to recall the
6 living, eternal hope that they each have in the life of Christ; and

7 Whereas, Christians in Michigan, our nation, and around the
8 world remember with gratitude and reverence the works of Jesus as
9 he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, was betrayed to worldly and
10 religious authorities on Maundy Thursday, was crucified on Good
11 Friday, and rose again on Easter Sunday; and

12 Whereas, During Holy Week, Christians remember Jesus' work by
13 reading and studying the Bible, especially the historical events of
14 Jesus as described in the Gospels, by praying and by attending
15 church services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, the latter of
16 which is considered the high point of the Christian calendar.

17 Whereas, This year, Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday, March
18 March 24, and concludes on Easter Sunday, March 31; now, therefore,
19 be it

20 Resolved by House of Representatives, That the members of this
21 legislative body declare March 24-31, 2024, as Holy Week in the
22 state of Michigan. We extend best wishes to Christians in Michigan,
23 the United States, and worldwide, for a joyous and meaningful
24 observance of Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday, when all
25 Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.