

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 268

Rep. Weiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 25, 2024, as Africa Day in the  
2 state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Africa Day refers to the annual commemoration on May  
4 25th that celebrates the founding of the Organization of African  
5 Unity (OAU), now known as the African Union, on that date in 1963;  
6 and

7 Whereas, Michigan is proud to recognize May 25 as Africa Day,  
8 in alignment with the global commemoration of the founding of the  
9 Organization of African Unity (OAU), now known as the African  
10 Union, on this day in 1963, and in acknowledgment of the long-  
11 lasting contributions of Black African descendants and Black  
12 migrant residents of the State of Michigan

1           Whereas, Africa Day offers us an opportunity to celebrate the  
2 rich heritage, diverse cultures, and significant contributions of  
3 Africa and its diaspora to the global community. Our state is home  
4 to approximately 42,000 immigrants from Africa and

5           Whereas, The state of Michigan values the deep historical  
6 ties and the vibrant cultural exchange between Michigan and the  
7 African continent, fostered by our diverse African community and

8           Whereas, The observance of Africa Day across Michigan promotes  
9 a greater understanding and appreciation of the African continent's  
10 history, its current achievements, and its future potential, as  
11 well as the contribution of its migrant residents in the state; and

12           Whereas, Through educational programs, activities, and  
13 ceremonies, schools, communities, and organizations within Michigan  
14 are encouraged to explore and celebrate African cultures,  
15 histories, and contributions and

16           Whereas, In recognition of Africa Day, we call upon public  
17 officials, educators, librarians, and the citizens of Michigan to  
18 engage in appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that  
19 honor the spirit and the essence of this important day; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
22 this legislative body declare May 25, 2024, as Africa Day in the  
23 state of Michigan. We encourage all to uplift and participate in  
24 programs, activities, and reflections on the contributions of the  
25 African continent and its people to our shared human story.