

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

Reps. Skaggs, Paiz and Rogers offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 11, 2025, as La Diada Day in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the cultural
4 contribution of Catalonians in Michigan and therefore acknowledges
5 the historical and democratic significance of La Diada; and

6 Whereas, The state of Michigan values the traditions of its
7 citizens who hold Catalonian heritage and the presence that
8 heritage contributes to the broader story of immigration
9 represented in many different Michigan communities; and

10 Whereas, Catalonian traditions, including the celebration of
11 La Diada, which commemorates the fall of Barcelona in the War of
12 the Spanish Succession in 1714, exemplify the importance of diverse
13 festivities that are already honored across Michigan; and

1 Whereas, We understand the struggle the Catalonian people have
2 faced —having lost its political institutions and liberties under
3 the Nueva Planta decrees imposed by King Philip V of Spain; and

4 Whereas, Despite centuries of repression, Catalonians have
5 continued to celebrate La Diada as a remembrance of their struggle
6 for autonomy and their enduring cultural identity, transforming the
7 day into a symbol of resilience and quiet strength; and

8 Whereas, The observance of La Diada serves not only as a
9 cultural celebration but also as a reminder of the universal values
10 of freedom, resilience, and democratic self-governance—values that
11 are closely bonded to the American ideals of life, liberty and the
12 pursuit of happiness; and

13 Whereas, Catalonian cultural associations and community
14 organizations across Michigan continue to sustain and share the
15 traditions of La Diada, fostering greater understanding and
16 strengthening the kinship between Catalonian national heritage and
17 the essence of American democracy; now, therefore be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representative, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare September 11, 2025, as La Diada Day
20 in the state of Michigan.