

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

Senators Anthony, Bayer, Chang, Damoose, Geiss and Polehanki offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize September 2025 as Hunger Action
2 Month.

3 Whereas, Each September, Hunger Action Month unites millions
4 of people across the country to raise awareness, take action, and
5 provide food to neighbors facing hunger; and

6 Whereas, Led by Feeding America and its network of local food
7 banks and volunteers, this nationwide movement works to build a
8 future where everyone has access to the food and support they need;
9 and

10 Whereas, The Feeding America network of food banks launched
11 Hunger Action Month in 2007, marking its 18th year in 2025; and

12 Whereas, In 2024, more than 50 million people across the
13 United States relied on food banks, underscoring the widespread and

1 urgent need for food assistance nationwide; and

2 Whereas, Michigan is home to over 150 food banks and pantries,
3 which collectively serve thousands of residents across the state
4 through innovative programs, partnerships, and community outreach;
5 and

6 Whereas, Hunger continues to impact communities across
7 Michigan, with approximately 1.5 million residents facing food
8 insecurity, including more than 402,000 children; and

9 Whereas, The overall food insecurity rate in Michigan stands
10 at 14.2 percent with childhood food insecurity exceeding 19 percent
11 statewide and reaching nearly 20 percent in the Upper Peninsula;
12 and

13 Whereas, To address these widespread levels of food
14 insecurity, Michigan relies on a variety of resources including
15 emergency food assistance, community-based initiatives, and
16 federally funded programs that work together to help residents
17 access the nutritious food they need; and

18 Whereas, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
19 is a vital federal resource for more than 1.4 million low-income
20 individuals across every region, helping families not only afford
21 food but also access nutritious options essential for health and
22 well-being; and

23 Whereas, Among SNAP recipients, more than 59 percent are
24 families with children, 39 percent include older adults or
25 individuals with disabilities, and 41,000 are veterans,
26 representing a significant portion of Michigan's most vulnerable
27 populations; and

28 Whereas, Michigan residents benefit from additional food
29 assistance programs, including the Special Supplemental Nutrition

1 Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), which provides
2 nutritious foods each month to more than 200,000 moms, babies, and
3 children under the age of five; and

4 Whereas, In addition to these federal supports, Michigan has
5 further demonstrated its commitment to addressing food insecurity
6 by including funding for free school meals for all students, an
7 investment that helps reduce household food hardship and alleviates
8 pressure on emergency food systems across the state; and

9 Whereas, Despite these critical supports, food banks across
10 Michigan have reported an 18 percent increase in demand over the
11 past year, reflecting the persistent challenges families face in
12 accessing enough nutritious food; and

13 Whereas, Hunger Action Month is a time to raise awareness,
14 inspire action, and recognize the tireless efforts of food banks,
15 volunteers, programs, and advocates working to end hunger in
16 Michigan; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
18 body recognize September 2025 as Hunger Action Month.