

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Senators Hertel, McMorrow and Polehanki offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to observe September 11-17, 2025, as Patriot
2 Week.

3 Whereas, In great reverence to the victims of the attacks on
4 September 11, 2001, American citizens must first take time to honor
5 the principles, founders, documents, and symbols of our country's
6 history; and

7 Whereas, Each year on September 17th, Constitution Day is
8 honored in public schools across the nation; and

9 Whereas, The events that led the delegates to sign the
10 Constitution of the United States of America on September 17, 1787,
11 have significance for every American; and

12 Whereas, The revolution, rule of law, social compact,
13 equality, unalienable rights, and limited government are the first

1 principles upon which our country was founded and flourishes; and

2 Whereas, Exceptional, visionary, and indispensable Americans
3 that have founded and advanced the United States include: James
4 Madison, Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall,
5 George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin
6 Luther King Jr., Cesar Chavez, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B.
7 Anthony, and Thomas Jefferson; and

8 Whereas, The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution,
9 the congressional resolution forwarding the Constitution to the
10 states, *Marbury v. Madison*, Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments
11 and Resolutions, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation
12 Proclamation, *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Civil Rights Act of
13 1964, and the "I Have A Dream" speech are key documents that embody
14 America's first principles and have advanced American Liberty; and

15 Whereas, The Bennington Flag, Betsy Ross American flag,
16 Suffragist Flag, Fort Sumter Flag, Gadsden Flag, current American
17 flag, and the Michigan state flag are all fundamental, physical
18 symbols of our country's history and freedom that should be studied
19 and remembered by each citizen; and

20 Whereas, Citizens, educational institutions, government
21 agencies, municipalities, nonprofit, religious, labor, community
22 and business organizations are urged to recognize, participate, and
23 celebrate Patriot Week so that all may offer the reverence that is
24 due to our free republic; now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
26 body observe September 11-17, 2025, as Patriot Week; and be it
27 further

28 Resolved, That we recognize that understanding American
29 history and America's first principles are indispensable to the

1 survival of our republic as free people; and be it further
2 Resolved, That we encourage each generation to renew the
3 American spirit based on the country's first principles, historical
4 figures, founding documents, and symbols.