

# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Senate Resolution No. 68

Offered by Senators Hertel, McMorrow and Polehanki

### A RESOLUTION TO OBSERVE SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2025, AS PATRIOT WEEK

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The revolution, rule of law, social compact, equality, unalienable rights, and limited government are the first principles upon which our country was founded and flourishes; and

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body observe September 11-17, 2025, as Patriot Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recognize that understanding American history and America's first principles are indispensable to the survival of our republic as free people; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage each generation to renew the American spirit based on the country's first principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols.

Adopted by the Senate, September 11, 2025.



Secretary of the Senate