

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Senator Hertel 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
14 principles upon which our country was founded and flourishes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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