

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 170

Reps. Huizenga, Crawford, Garza, Hood, Cynthia Johnson, Steven Johnson, Lasinski, Love and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2019 as Library Appreciation
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The Michigan Library Association (MLA) annually
4 designates the month of October as a statewide observance to
5 celebrate the contributions of Michigan's libraries, librarians,
6 and library professionals to their communities and to promote
7 library use and support; and

8 Whereas, Michigan's libraries, including school, public,
9 academic, and special libraries, are vital institutions and dynamic
10 centers of lifelong learning that play a unique role in ensuring
11 the public's right to know and empowering people from all walks of



1 life to make informed decisions about the world around them; and

2 Whereas, Libraries play an integral role as community,
3 educational, and cultural centers that bring together diverse
4 populations and serve as important cornerstones in healthy
5 communities; and

6 Whereas, Libraries have the most recent ideas and information
7 available on subjects and are a cost-effective means of providing
8 education, training, and the opportunity for self-improvement to
9 all individuals without regard to age, race, income, or
10 socioeconomic background; and

11 Whereas, Libraries serve as a vital connection to the people,
12 places, and ideas of the world through books, magazines, videos,
13 and the Internet and are the primary point of online access for
14 people without computers at home, school, or work; and

15 Whereas, Libraries provide indispensable educational resources
16 for children and teenagers, and are on the front lines in the
17 battle against illiteracy, offering plenty of free activities, as
18 well as safe, enriching entertainment for the whole family; and

19 Whereas, Librarians and library workers play key roles in
20 helping people explore, imagine, and discover new horizons in the
21 vast world of information, knowledge, and entertainment; and

22 Whereas, Two-thirds of adult Americans visit their local
23 public libraries annually, with more than a billion visits made
24 each year by adults, and likewise by students to their school
25 libraries; and

26 Whereas, Michigan's libraries play a key role in the statewide
27 and national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access,
28 and narrowing the digital divide and are the cornerstone of our
29 democracy; and

1 Whereas, Thousands of libraries and library supporters across
2 Michigan are celebrating Library Appreciation Month this year; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
5 this legislative body declare October 2019 as Library Appreciation
6 Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens of
7 Michigan to visit their local library and explore the wide variety
8 of cultural and educational riches that libraries hold; and be it
9 further

10 Resolved, That we recognize Michigan's librarians, library
11 professionals and supporters for their contributions to enrich
12 their communities.