

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.153

Reps. Berman, LaFave, Markkanen, Reilly, Maddock, Ellison, Mueller, Allor, Chirkun, Garza, Lasinski, Love and Warren offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare September 11-17, 2019, as Patriot Week  
2 in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, We recognize that understanding American history and  
4 America's first principles are indispensable to the survival of our  
5 republic as a free people. In great reverence to the victims of the  
6 attacks on September 11, 2001, we acknowledge that American  
7 citizens must take time to honor the first principles, founders,  
8 documents, and symbols of their history; and

9           Whereas, The events that led to the signing of *The*  
10 *Constitution of the United States of America* by the delegates of  
11 the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have



1 significance for every American. This historical occasion is  
2 honored in public schools across the nation on September 17 of each  
3 year as Constitution Day; and

4       Whereas, Revolution, the rule of law, social compact,  
5 equality, unalienable rights, and limited government are the first  
6 principles upon which America was founded and flourishes; and

7       Whereas, Exceptional, visionary, and indispensable Americans  
8 such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall,  
9 George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin  
10 Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B.  
11 Anthony, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded and advanced  
12 the United States; and

13       Whereas, The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and  
14 the congressional resolution forwarding the Constitution to the  
15 states, *Marbury v Madison*, Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments  
16 and Resolutions, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation  
17 Proclamation, *Brown v Board of Education*, the Civil Rights Act of  
18 1964, and the "I Have a Dream" speech are key documents that embody  
19 America's first principles and have advanced American liberty; and

20       Whereas, The Bennington Flag, the original Betsy Ross American  
21 flag, the current American Flag, the Suffragist Flag, the Fort  
22 Sumter Flag, the Gadsden Flag, and the flag of the state of  
23 Michigan are fundamental physical symbols of American history and  
24 freedom that should be studied and remembered by each American  
25 citizen; now, therefore, be it

26       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
27 this legislative body declare September 11-17, 2019, as Patriot  
28 Week in the state of Michigan. We recognize that each generation  
29 needs to renew the spirit of America based on America's first

1 principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of  
2 America. The citizens, schools, and other educational institutions,  
3 government agencies, municipalities, and nonprofit, religious,  
4 labor, community, and business organizations are urged to recognize  
5 and participate in Patriot Week by honoring and celebrating so that  
6 all may offer the reverence that is due to our free republic.