

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 311

Reps. Berman, Maddock, Wakeman, LaFave, Markkanen, Allor, Calley, Crawford, Rendon and Warren offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 11-17, 2020, 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  
12 significance for every American. This historical occasion is



1 honored in public schools across the nation on September 17 of each  
2 year as Constitution Day; and

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

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

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

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

25       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
26 this legislative body declare September 11-17, 2020, as Patriot  
27 Week in the state of Michigan. We recognize that each generation  
28 needs to renew the spirit of America based on America's first  
29 principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of

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