

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159

Reps. Berman, Allor, Bezotte and Cavanagh offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 11-17, 2021, 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, 2021, 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.