

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

Senators Runestad, Theis, Outman, MacDonald, Johnson, Daley, Bizon, Zorn and VanderWall offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to observe September 11-17, 2021, 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

1 Whereas, The revolution, rule of law, social compact,
2 equality, unalienable rights, and limited government are the first
3 principles upon which our country was founded and flourishes; and

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

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

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

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

27 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
28 body observe September 11-17, 2021, as Patriot Week; and be it
29 further

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

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