

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 163

Senator Stamas offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate October 2022 as Michigan Library
2 Appreciation Month.

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 staff; and

7 Whereas, Libraries are an indispensable resource for children,
8 teens, adults, and seniors; and

9 Whereas, Michigan's libraries, including school, public,
10 academic, tribal, cooperatives, and special libraries, are vital,
11 dynamic centers of discovery and lifelong learning, serving as
12 cornerstones in healthy communities; and

1 Whereas, In order to serve and support their communities,
2 Michigan's libraries continue to evolve while expanding their
3 services; and

4 Whereas, As dynamic centers of discovery and lifelong
5 learning, libraries serve as concert venues, art galleries, tourist
6 destinations, meeting spaces, community living rooms, makerspaces,
7 study rooms and more; and

8 Whereas, Patrons are provided more than books to borrow,
9 including tablets and laptops, mobile hotspots, tools, games,
10 movies, music and more; and

11 Whereas, With free access to information, millions of
12 Michiganders are allowed to explore and discover a vast world of
13 information and entertainment; and

14 Whereas, Libraries provide materials and programs that are as
15 diverse as the people they serve, while protecting patron's privacy
16 and supporting their right to read; and

17 Whereas, As primary points of access for people without
18 internet or access to computers, libraries enable everyone to
19 connect to the people and ideas of the world; and

20 Whereas, Michigan libraries are indispensable educational and
21 cultural institutions in the heart of our communities, offering a
22 place to gather, socialize, study and learn; and

23 Whereas, Hundreds of libraries and millions of library
24 supporters across Michigan are celebrating Michigan Library
25 Appreciation Month this October; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the Senate, That members of this legislative body
27 designate October 2022 as Michigan Library Appreciation Month.
28 During this time, we encourage all residents to visit their library
29 in-person or virtually to explore and discover its wide variety of

1 services, resources, and collections.