

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 185**

1 A resolution to declare October 2025 as Domestic Violence
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, According to the National Coalition Against Domestic
4 Violence (NCADV), Domestic Violence Awareness Month was launched
5 nationwide in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against
6 Domestic Violence (NCADV) as a way to connect and unite individuals
7 and organizations working on domestic violence issues and raise
8 awareness for those issues; and

9 Whereas, NCADV defines domestic violence as the willful
10 intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or
11 other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and
12 control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It
13 includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological

1 violence, and emotional abuse; and

2 Whereas, Domestic violence impacts individuals in every
3 community of our state, regardless of age, economic status, sexual
4 orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

5 Whereas, Perpetrators of domestic violence intentionally
6 engage in a pattern of behavior to exert coercive control in
7 intimate partner relationships, violating the fundamental human
8 rights of those they abuse; and

9 Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention, about 41 percent of women have experienced and reported
11 domestic violence during their lifetime. In 2018, Intimate Partner
12 Violence (IPV) accounted for 20 percent of all violent crimes. In
13 Michigan, 69,763 incidents of domestic violence were reported to
14 police in 2022, according to the Michigan State Police Criminal
15 Justice Information Center, with the majority of incidents
16 occurring between intimate or formerly intimate partners; and

17 Whereas, The economic cost to the individual and society is
18 substantial. The CDC estimates that the lifetime economic cost
19 associated with medical services for IPV-related injuries, lost
20 productivity from paid work, criminal justice, and other costs, is
21 \$3.6 trillion; and

22 Whereas, While throughout the last three decades, much
23 progress has been made to support domestic violence victims and
24 survivors and to hold abusers accountable, continued awareness,
25 education, and action are crucial to intervention in and prevention
26 of domestic violence; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
28 this legislative body declare October 2025 as Domestic Violence
29 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.