

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 206

Reps. Martus, Hope, Andrews, Paiz, Longjohn, Skaggs, Breen, Glanville, MacDonell, Miller, Rogers, Weiss, Witwer, Wooden and Xiong offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 10-16, 2025, as Michigan
2 Historical Music Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan has made a profound and lasting impact on
4 American and global music, producing transformative artists,
5 pioneering new genres, and shaping cultural movements that resonate
6 across generations; and

7 Whereas, Michigan is the birthplace of Motown, founded by
8 Berry Gordy in Detroit, which became one of the most successful and
9 influential music labels in history. In the 1960s alone, Motown
10 artists achieved seventy-nine Billboard Top 100 hits, elevating
11 Black artists into the mainstream and bringing messages of unity,
12 soul, and love to homes around the world; and

1 Whereas, Michigan musicians have defined and transformed rock
2 music across eras, from early rock icons such as Bob Seger, Grand
3 Funk Railroad, Ted Nugent and the Amboy Dukes, and Alice Cooper to
4 trailblazing punk innovators like The Stooges and MC5, who helped
5 spark a global punk movement; and

6 Whereas, In the early 1980s, Detroit DJs and electronic
7 visionaries helped create techno, a genre that revolutionized
8 electronic dance music and continues to influence artists
9 worldwide, solidifying Detroit as a global hub of musical
10 innovation; and

11 Whereas, Michigan has also contributed significantly to the
12 rise of hip-hop, pop, and alternative music, producing world-
13 renowned artists such as Eminem, Madonna, The White Stripes, Kid
14 Rock, Big Sean, Sufjan Stevens, and Greta Van Fleet; and

15 Whereas, Michigan's musical heritage spans gospel, jazz, folk,
16 country, R&B, soul, and blues, with influential artists such as
17 Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, Anita Baker, Diana Ross, Stevie
18 Wonder, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson, Glenn Frey, Mitch Ryder,
19 Jack Scott, and gospel choirs and folk musicians from communities
20 across the Upper Peninsula and throughout the state; and

21 Whereas, Thirty artists and groups from the city of Detroit
22 alone have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a
23 testament to Michigan's extraordinary artistic output and global
24 cultural influence; and

25 Whereas, Michigan is home to renowned institutions that
26 preserve, teach, and celebrate its musical heritage, including the
27 Motown Museum in Detroit, Interlochen Center for the Arts in Grand
28 Traverse County, the Detroit Music Hall Center for the Performing
29 Arts, and the Michigan Rock and Roll Legends Hall of Fame, which

1 collectively support both historical preservation and the next
2 generation of artists; and

3 Whereas, Michigan's music heritage not only entertains but
4 also tells stories of resilience, social change, cultural pride,
5 industrial identity, and community spirit, inspiring generations of
6 artists and audiences alike; and

7 Whereas, Michigan Historical Music Week provides an
8 opportunity for residents, educators, museums, libraries, and
9 cultural institutions to celebrate Michigan's musical heritage,
10 educate new generations, and support the growth of future musicians
11 and creators; now, therefore, be it

12 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
13 this legislative body declare November 10-16, 2025, as Michigan
14 Historical Music Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

15 Resolved, That we honor the musicians of Michigan—past,
16 present, and future—whose innovation, creativity, and cultural
17 impact have shaped the soundscape of our state, our nation, and the
18 world; and be it further

19 Resolved, That the members of this legislative body encourage
20 educational institutions, higher education institutions, community
21 organizations, music educators, historical societies, and cultural
22 venues to observe this week with appropriate programs, events, and
23 educational activities recognizing Michigan's rich musical
24 heritage.