

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 218

Reps. MacDonell, Miller, Wooden, Mentzer, Paiz, Steckloff, T. Carter, B. Carter, Wozniak, Paquette, Prestin, Outman, Jenkins-Arno, Wortz, Rogers, Martus, Hope, VanWoerkom, St. Germaine, Steele, Roth, Byrnes, Glanville, Dievendorf, Morgan, Myers-Phillips, Price, Scott, Witwer, Brixie, Wegela, McKinney, Neeley, Slagh, Greene, Arbit, Pohutsky, Weiss, Koleszar, Xiong, Young, Alexander, Breen, Hoskins, Kelly and Rheingans offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 2025 as Adoption Month in the
2 state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Tens of thousands of children are adopted yearly in
4 the United States; and

5 Whereas, The National Council for Adoption recognizes three
6 categories of adoption. The first is private domestic adoption, the
7 child's birth mother voluntarily works with a private adoption

1 agency. The second is adoption from foster care, in which children
2 involved in the child welfare system are adopted by their foster
3 parents. The third is intercountry adoptions, in which children
4 from foreign countries are adopted by American parents; and

5 Whereas, Over the last five years for which data are
6 available, the most common countries of origin for intercountry
7 adoptees were Colombia, China, Ukraine, and South Korea; and

8 Whereas, An estimated 2,745 children were adopted in Michigan
9 in 2023. Of these, an estimated 1,610 were adoptions from foster
10 care, 1,099 were private domestic adoptions, and thirty-six were
11 intercountry adoptions; and

12 Whereas, Adoptees and adoptive parents face unique challenges.
13 Adoptees from foster care are survivors of child abuse or neglect,
14 and many intercountry adoptees were born in countries riven by
15 conflict, hunger, or disease. Adopted children are more likely than
16 non-adoptee children to suffer from mental and emotional issues;
17 and

18 Whereas, Private domestic and intercountry adoption fees
19 regularly cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000; and

20 Whereas, The State of Michigan's Adoption and Guardianship
21 Assistance Office (AGAO) provides cash assistance to adoptive
22 parents of eligible foster children and reimburses them for their
23 children's eligible physical or mental health care expenses; and

24 Whereas, Adoptive parents sacrifice their time and treasure to
25 help some of our most vulnerable children grow up in a loving home;
26 and adoptive children bring joy and light to their new parents'
27 lives. Adoptive parents and children alike deserve the State of
28 Michigan's recognition and support; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare November 2025 as Adoption Month in
2 the state of Michigan.