

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

Rep. Grant offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 19-23, 2025, as Affordable Housing
2 Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, All people should have access to safe, healthy, and
4 affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and

5 Whereas, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
6 defines affordable housing as "housing on which the occupant is
7 paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs,
8 including utilities"; and

9 Whereas, Michigan has a shortage of nearly 150,000 housing
10 units which impacts people across all walks of life - rural and
11 urban - including the at-risk community and families with young
12 children who are struggling with rising costs; and

13 Whereas, Studies have found that each \$100 increase in median
14 rent results in a 15 percent increase in homelessness in metro

1 areas and a 39 percent increase in homelessness in nearby suburbs
2 and rural areas; and

3 Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing
4 financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; and

5 Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
6 recognize safe, healthy, and affordable housing within communities
7 of opportunity as key social determinants of health; and

8 Whereas, Everyone benefits from affordable housing, including
9 the people who reside in these properties, their neighbors,
10 businesses, employers, and the community as a whole; and

11 Whereas: United to raise public awareness, people,
12 organizations, and communities throughout the state of Michigan are
13 participating in local Affordable Housing Week activities to
14 elevate the critical need to create healthy communities with ample
15 affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare May 19-23, 2025, as, Affordable
18 Housing Week in the state of Michigan. We commit to actions and
19 efforts to ensure Michigan residents can live with dignity in safe,
20 healthy, and affordable homes.