

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 185

Rep. Young offered the following resolution:

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
14 violence, and emotional abuse; and

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

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

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

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

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

26 Whereas, The recent murder of Latricia Green at her workplace
27 at Henry Ford Hospital by her ex-husband illustrates we have much
28 work to do. She only received a Personal Protection (PPO) on her
29 second attempt, but it was never served to her ex-husband; now,

1 therefore, be it

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