

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 206

Reps. Martus, Hope, Andrews, Paiz, Longjohn and Skaggs 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

13 Whereas, Michigan musicians have defined and transformed rock

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 generation of artists; and

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

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

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

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

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