



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

FROM THE DESK OF
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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF DETROIT

WHEREAS, mathematics and statistics play a vital role in our society, where having a basic grasp of both is essential for children and adults to succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit has a crisis of mathematical literacy, with only 7% of 4th grade students and 4% of 8th grade students being proficient or above in math as measured by the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP, well below averages for similar cities and the state as a whole¹; and

WHEREAS, Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month is a program of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM)—a collaborative effort of the American Mathematical Society, the American Statistical Association, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics to help bring attention to the importance of mathematics and statistics as well as the crises we face as a nation in math proficiency²; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Detroit City Council recognizes the month of April 2025 as Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Michigan State House of Representatives, the Michigan State Senate, Mayor Mike Duggan,

¹ <https://www.chalkbeat.org/detroit/2025/01/29/naep-dpscd-scores-exam-mixed-results/#:~:text=The%20average%20score%20for%20fourth,districts%2C%20and%2039%25%20nationally.>

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<https://www2.amstat.org/mathstatmonth/#:~:text=Mathematics%20and%20Statistics%20Awareness%20Month%20is%20held%20each%20year%20in,proclamation%20by%20President%20Ronald%20Reagan.>

Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and all interested public media, civil society, educational and civil groups and individuals who are vested in promoting math proficiency in our community.