

*MICHIGAN PATRIOT WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2016*

*WHEREAS*, the Michigan Senate adopted a resolution to recognize Patriot Week in the State of Michigan from September 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>; and

*WHEREAS*, we advocate that the history and First Principles of the United States of America should serve as the cornerstone of civic education. In great reverence to the victims of the 9/11 attacks, Bloomfield Township acknowledge that American citizens must take time to honor the principles, founders, documents, and symbols of their history; and

*WHEREAS*, the events that led to the signing of *The Constitution of the United States of America* by the delegates of the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have significance for every American and are honored in public schools across the nation on September 17<sup>th</sup> as Constitution Day; and

*WHEREAS*, revolution, the rule of law, social compact, equality, unalienable rights, and limited government are the First Principles upon which America was founded and flourishes; and

*WHEREAS*, exceptional, visionary, and indispensable Americans such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan Anthony, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded and advanced the United States; and

*WHEREAS*, the Bennington Flag, work of Betsy Ross, American Flag, Suffragist Flag, Union Flag, Gadsden Flag, and the flag of the state of Michigan are key physical symbols of American history that should be studied and remembered by each American citizen.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees, hereby joins with the Michigan Senate to designate September 11-17, 2016, as Michigan Patriot Week, symbolically beginning this celebration on September 11<sup>th</sup> and concluding on Constitution Day. We urge the citizens of Bloomfield Township, the businesses, nonprofit organizations, and schools of the Township to recognize and participate in this week by honoring and celebrating the First Principles, key historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of America so that they may offer the reverence that is due to our free republic.

DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016.

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Bloomfield Township Clerk