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Voyageur Heritage- The French Canadian Cultural Alliance of the Great Lakes. The French-Canadian Cultural Alliance of the Great Lakes is dedicated to the promotion, expression, and engagement of contemporary and traditional French-Canadian culture in the Great Lakes region. For more information, see their website at <http://voyageurheritage.wordpress.com/>

This website is a project of the French Canadian Cultural Alliance of the Great Lakes, an informal, voluntary association dedicated to raising awareness of our community and heritage. We are the successor organization to the Ad Hoc Committee for a French Canadian Heritage Day in Michigan. Our goal is to increase awareness and involvement in French Canadian cultural life.

We encourage participation in contemporary and exploration of historical French Canadian culture in the Western Great Lakes area, including history, the arts, literature, politics, travel, food, and links to other Franco-North American regions as they relate to French Canadian culture in the region comprised of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Ontario, and Wisconsin. Join our [Facebook discussion group](#) as we explore ways to build and grow as an organization

October 4th has been declared French Canadian Heritage Day by a resolution passed by the Michigan House as set forth below.

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Reps. LaVoy, LaFontaine, Pettalia, Kivela, Geiss, Brunner, Stanley, Dillon, Knezek, Darany, Brinks, Abed, McCann, Kandrevas, Clemente, Potvin, Hovey-Wright, Dianda, Cochran, Driskell, Yanez, Heise, Lamonte, Switalski, Cavanagh, Smiley, Phelps, Segal, Brown, Slavens, Singh, Zemke, Robinson, Kosowski, Irwin, Banks, Barnett, Lane, Faris, Roberts, Oakes, Haugh, Durhal, Talabi, Stallworth, Hobbs, Townsend, Schor, Schmidt, Kowall, Olumba, Kurtz, Daley, Lyons, Pscholka, Nesbitt, Tlaib, Rutledge, Outman, McBroom, Pagel, Price, Crawford, Foster, Santana, Greimel, Denby, Howrylak and Kelly offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 392.

A resolution to declare September 29-October 5, 2014, as French-Canadian Heritage Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, French exploration in the Great Lakes region began with Étienne Brûlé in the early 17th century; and

Whereas, During the subsequent century, Sault Ste. Marie, Michilimackinac, Détroit, St. Joseph, Monroe, St. Ignace, and other settlements formed the first French-Canadian communities west of Montreal; and

Whereas, Communities such as Cheboygan, Muskegon, Alpena, Saginaw, Houghton, and Marquette saw a flourishing of French-Canadian culture during the 19th century lumbering era; and

Whereas, Today Michigan's trade, tourism, and cultural ties to Canada, particularly to Ontario and Quebec, are a continuing and vital part of the French-Canadian story; and

Whereas Today, over 150,000 Michigan residents claim French-Canadian heritage; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 29-October 5, 2014, as French-Canadian Heritage week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That members of the House of Representatives join all of those of French-Canadian ancestry in celebrating their heritage and contributions to the state of Michigan on October 3, 2014.

ADOPTED AUGUST 27, 2014, MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES