

Reps. Howrylak, Barnett, Brown, Darany, Denby, Durhal, Geiss, Haines, Heise, Hooker, Kesto, LaVoy, O'Brien, Poleski, Potvin, Slavens and Talabi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 72.

A resolution to declare March 17-23, 2013, as Poison Prevention Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The ability to quickly and appropriately respond to emergencies resulting from poisoning and to prevent poisoning is of paramount concern to all citizens of the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and

Whereas, Each year, the nation's poison centers answer more than 4 million calls; and

Whereas, Approximately 90 percent of poisonings occur in people's homes; and

Whereas, Over 50 percent of poisoning exposures involve children under age 6; and

Whereas, National Poison Prevention Week has been established to encourage consumers to make their homes and offices safe, to adequately prepare for poison emergencies, and to acknowledge the importance of poison centers; and

Whereas, By calling your poison center you are accessing a dedicated staff of highly trained medical professionals who are certified specialists in poison information; and

Whereas, The Children's Hospital of Michigan's Poison Control Center is one of the largest and most comprehensive poison prevention and control centers in the country and assists in more than 100,000 poison cases in Michigan per year; and

Whereas, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Poison Control Center is accredited by the American Association of Poison Control Centers and is 1 of only 52 such centers in the country; and

Whereas, The people of Michigan recognize the importance of coming together as a community to educate ourselves on poison prevention and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of ourselves, our families, and our community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 17-23, 2013, as Poison Prevention Week in the state of Michigan.