

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Senators VanderWall, Bayer, Hollier, Johnson, MacGregor and Wojno offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to declare Adverse Childhood
2 Experiences (ACEs) a critical health issue, commit the Legislature
3 to action, and encourage the Governor to direct agencies to assess
4 and report progress on reducing ACEs.

5 Whereas, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are now widely
6 recognized as a dominant factor in the current and future well-
7 being of children due to the harmful effects of toxic stress
8 related to abuse (including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse),
9 neglect (including physical and emotional neglect), and various
10 family dysfunctions; and

11 Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and future health
12 issues and conditions has an evidence-based foundation starting
13 with the groundbreaking ACE study conducted collaboratively between

1 the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and
2 Kaiser Permanente. This study has been cited more than 17,000 times
3 in peer-reviewed scientific research articles; and

4 Whereas, The growing body of evidence on the science of human
5 development incorporates research findings on ACEs and the long-
6 term neurobiological, biomedical, and epigenetic consequences of
7 toxic stress; and

8 Whereas, National and state surveys indicate that as many as
9 70 percent of Michigan adults had at least one ACE during their
10 childhood and as much as 20 percent of Michigan's adult population
11 had four or more ACEs; and

12 Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and the current
13 prevalence of chronic disease, addictive behaviors, and related
14 conditions is now recognized by many as a major public health
15 crisis. Nationwide, these conditions and illnesses cost billions of
16 dollars in resources and reduce lifetime expectancy, and they all
17 have their roots in childhood trauma; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
19 concurring), That we declare that ACEs constitute a critical health
20 issue in Michigan and commit to an ongoing strategy to
21 significantly reduce ACEs in Michigan through legislative
22 leadership, legislative acts, appropriations, reporting, and
23 oversight; and be it further

24 Resolved, That we encourage the Governor to issue an executive
25 directive that would require administrating agencies to assess if
26 the implementation of their programs reduces ACEs and provide an
27 annual state report and data to the Legislature and general public
28 about progress in reducing ACEs in Michigan; and be it further

29 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the

- 1 Governor of the State of Michigan and the Director of the Michigan
- 2 Department of Health and Human Services.