

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90

Senator MacGregor offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize December 2019 as Impaired Driving
2 Prevention Month.

3 Whereas, According to the National Highway Traffic Safety
4 Administration, 10,511 people died in preventable impaired driving
5 traffic crashes in 2018; and

6 Whereas, Every year, approximately one-third of alcohol-
7 related traffic deaths involve repeat Driving Under the Influence
8 (DUI) offenders and nearly 70 percent involve people who drove at
9 very high Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) levels of 0.15 and above; and

10 Whereas, The issue of drug-impaired driving is also on the
11 rise and polysubstance-impaired driving (driving after consuming a
12 combination of substances) is outpacing alcohol-impaired driving in

1 many jurisdictions; and

2 Whereas, These high risk impaired drivers pose a critical
3 threat on our roadways and states need to utilize new technology to
4 more effectively deter, identify, prosecute, and monitor DUI
5 offenders and such technologies like oral fluid testing, electronic
6 warrants, case management software, specialized training, ignition
7 interlocks, and continuous alcohol monitoring; and

8 Whereas, All impaired driving offenders should receive, at a
9 minimum, screening for substance use disorders and mental health
10 issues by using a tool validated specifically for DUI offenders to
11 accurately capture their risk of re-offending and treatment needs;
12 and

13 Whereas, The state of Michigan is the first state to
14 legislatively authorize an oral fluid pilot test program and expand
15 it statewide to examine the ability to quickly, reliably, and cost
16 effectively identify impaired drivers who are using drugs; and

17 Whereas, Michigan has also been a leader in establishing
18 Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) courts to change the behavior of
19 the most dangerous impaired drivers on our roadways while
20 Responsibility.org, Lyft, Abbott, and advocacy groups are working
21 together to eliminate impaired driving; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
23 body recognize December 2019 as Impaired Driving Prevention Month;
24 and be it further

25 Resolved, That we recognize the importance of educating the
26 public on the impaired driving problem in Michigan and what can be
27 done to eliminate it.