

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 72

Reps. Roth, Kahle, Beeler, Sneller and Thanedar offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2021 as Home Care Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan values the rights of its citizens to live as
4 free and independent as possible into their elder years; and

5 Whereas, Evidence suggests that programs that support aging at
6 home may yield cost savings for families, government, and health
7 systems; and

8 Whereas, Aging at home has been shown to have health and
9 emotional benefits over institutional care; and

10 Whereas, The United States has an ongoing demographic shift
11 toward an increasingly older population, along with the fact that
12 76 percent of Americans over age 50 wish to remain in their homes

1 for as long as possible; and

2 Whereas, Professional caregivers who number nearly 4.6 million
3 in the United States and family caregivers estimated at 44 million
4 are lifelines to millions of Americans who need assistance with
5 medical, personal, and end of life care; and

6 Whereas, Caregiving has been proclaimed the ultimate form of
7 love and respect and as a country we should support and demonstrate
8 our gratitude for caregivers and their role in fulfilling an
9 individual's desire to remain at home; and

10 Whereas, Promoting aging in place may also create systemic
11 cost savings for the Medicare and Medicaid programs since these
12 programs pay for the majority of long-term care today; and

13 Whereas, Our state could reduce its existing long-term care
14 costs considerably by promoting aging at home with the aid of in-
15 home personal care service providers; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare April 2021 as Home Care Awareness
18 Month in the state of Michigan. We urge Michigan citizens to learn
19 more about how they or their family members can choose a provider
20 in order to remain at home and lower the cost of care for
21 Michigan's growing elderly population.