

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

Senators Moss, Chang, Geiss, Wojno, Brinks, Alexander, Bullock and Hollier offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage the Michigan State Police to educate
2 local communities on the use of the Integrated Public Alert and
3 Warning System, to encourage local communities to familiarize
4 themselves with the system, and to encourage a coordinated effort
5 to use the system and/or some other form of mass notification in
6 the event of a natural disaster or other emergency.

7 Whereas, The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
8 (IPAWS) is a secure communication network which connects all public
9 alert and warning systems in the United States, including
10 Michigan's Emergency Alert System. IPAWS uses satellite television,
11 cable television, electronic billboards, and the internet to
12 efficiently and conveniently broadcast alerts to Michigan

1 residents; and

2 Whereas, Michigan communities have experienced emergencies in
3 the past. Natural disasters, including severe storms or floods;
4 environmental disasters, such as chemical spills or releases; and
5 industrial accidents, such as fire or explosions are all potential
6 events for which we prepare. Receiving notifications of potential
7 impacts, emergency response and recovery, and relief and support
8 activities is imperative for affected residents; and

9 Whereas, The Michigan State Police should encourage local
10 communities to use IPAWS by working with community leaders to
11 create best practices on how and when to use a notification system
12 like IPAWS. Providing information on the power of IPAWS to notify
13 local residents in the event of a natural disaster or an emergency
14 is an important part of preparing for emergency situations. By
15 becoming familiar with IPAWS or other notification systems now,
16 local officials will be ready to harness that power in advance of
17 the next disaster or emergency; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage the Michigan State
19 Police to educate local communities on the use of the Integrated
20 Public Alert and Warning System, encourage local communities to
21 familiarize themselves with the system, and encourage a coordinated
22 effort to use the system and/or some other form of mass
23 notification in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency;
24 and be it further

25 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
26 Director of the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Townships
27 Association, the Michigan Municipal League, and the Michigan
28 Association of Counties.