

Senators Green, Booher, Marleau, Zorn, Colbeck, MacGregor, Rocca, Conyers, Proos and Pavlov offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 28.

A resolution to recognize October 1-7, 2017, as Lions Week.

Whereas, There are over 11,000 Lions members, both men and women, in more than 400 clubs throughout Michigan. Around the world, their 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million members make them the world's largest service club organization; and

Whereas, In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, and challenged Lions Club to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, they have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired. The Lions have earned high marks for both integrity and transparency throughout their 99-year history; and

Whereas, Lions International is celebrating their 100th anniversary founded in Chicago, IL in 1917 by businessman Melvin Jones. The 1.4 million members of their volunteer organization in 210 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways and meet the needs of local communities and the world, but share a common core belief—"community is what we make it"; and

Whereas, Lions Clubs perform a huge variety of services, such as providing eyeglasses and hearing aids to those who cannot afford them, hosting holiday parties for underprivileged kids, underwriting food giveaways, assisting in sending kids to camp, maintaining parks, visiting seniors, supporting organ donation drives, vision testing for young children, and many more services; and

Whereas, All Michigan Lions Clubs come together to support four state projects: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank, Bear Lake Camp, and Lions of Michigan Foundation, which help fund endeavors such as disaster relief in the United States and abroad; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize October 1-7, 2017, as Lions Week. May Lions Clubs throughout Michigan reaffirm their member-service mission: "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs"; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Lions of Michigan Council of Governors and the Lions Michigan State Office as a reflection of our esteem.