

HOUSE BILL No. 4273

February 15, 2001, Introduced by Rep. Frank and referred to the Committee on Family and Children Services.

A bill to designate March 1 of each year as children's memorial day in the state of Michigan.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes the great number of
2 tragic deaths of schoolchildren from all causes that occur each
3 year. Each day in America 6 children and youths under age 20
4 commit suicide, 10 children and youths under age 20 are homicide
5 victims, and 35 children and youths under age 20 die from
6 accidents. Many more children die from illness. In commemora-
7 tion of this terrible toll, the legislature declares that March 1
8 of each year shall be known as "Children's Memorial Day".

9 (2) The legislature encourages individuals, educational
10 institutions, and social, community, religious, labor, and
11 business organizations to pause on children's memorial day and

1 reflect upon the precious resource that our children constitute
2 and the great loss we suffer when we lose our children.