

Senator Clarke offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 39.

A resolution to recognize April 16-21, 2007, as Public Health Week in Michigan.

Whereas, The Michigan Constitution, Article IV, Section 51, states, "The public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern"; and

Whereas, Michigan's public health system is dedicated to protecting the health of its citizens, including working to minimize health threats caused by terrorist acts, accidents, infectious diseases, pandemic influenza, natural disasters, and other incidents; and

Whereas, The 100th anniversary of the state's public health laboratory--the second-oldest in the United States--is an occasion to celebrate the valuable contributions made to protect public health by our state laboratorians throughout this past century; and

Whereas, Local health departments and tribal organizations have been collaborating with state and federal agencies since 2002 to strengthen the capacity to respond to public health emergencies in Michigan; and

Whereas, It is important that we recognize the contributions of those individuals and organizations toward making Michigan a healthier place to live; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize April 16-21, 2007, as Public Health Week in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, the Michigan Public Health Association, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and Michigan's 2007 Hometown Health Heroes in recognition of their important and ongoing commitment to keeping Michigan healthy and safe.