

Senator Scott offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 193.

A resolution declaring May 17, 2008, as Leading While Bleeding Day in Michigan.

Whereas, The mission of Leading While Bleeding is to create a citywide initiative to address some of the urgent concerns in the city of Detroit that will assist our community in re-establishing the morally-responsible climate it historically has held; and

Whereas, The group's statement of purpose is to bring together an active group of individuals including, but not limited to, clergy, business persons, elected officials, youth organizations, community activists, and other organizations to build a coalition to meet the goals and objectives of this initiative; and

Whereas, Members of Leading While Bleeding work steadfastly to promote the development and overall spiritual awakening within the community; provide education and training to members of the community as needed; utilize various organizations within the community to collaboratively create jobs while enhancing economic development; conduct frequent job fairs and develop a job listing hotline/clearing house; utilize health and safety statistics within the city of Detroit to develop and conduct periodic wellness and safety awareness workshops/conferences, accompanied by health screenings, and to publish the before and after health statistics periodically; and to develop and conduct recreational programs which will assist in decreasing obesity among all age groups, thus preventing or decreasing the severity of preventable chronic illnesses and emotional illnesses; and

Whereas, The core objectives of Leading While Bleeding include:

1) Spiritual Awakening, aimed at raising awareness of the moral responsibilities that we hold individually and collectively with regard to religious principles and using these principles to establish positive change in one's thoughts, emotions, and behavior;

2) Education, to impart knowledge, positive thinking, and wisdom as well as facilitating the realization of self-potential and latent talents in individuals in the city of Detroit;

3) Jobs and Economic Development, to seek to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for the community by creating and retaining jobs as well as growing the overall tax base;

4) Health, to ensure a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity;

5) Safety, to establish conditions in the city in which one is protected from physical, social, and other undesirable circumstances;

6) Recreation, to develop places within the city of Detroit where individuals can actively use their free time in a manner that is designed for the therapeutic refreshment of one's mind, body, and soul; and

7) Housing Crisis, to educate and provide resources to attendees, especially those facing foreclosure.

; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim May 17, 2008, as Leading While Bleeding Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the organizers of this event as evidence of our esteem for their dedication and commitment to the citizens of Detroit.