

Rep. Byrum offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 72.

A resolution to declare the week of May 9 through May 13, 2011, as InfantSee Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The most critical stages of vision development occur in the first year of a child's life; and

Whereas, Undetected eye and vision problems can lead to permanent vision impairment or loss of life; and

Whereas, One in 10 children is at risk from undiagnosed eye and vision problems; and

Whereas, One in 30 children will be affected by amblyopia, a leading cause of vision loss in people younger than 45 years; and

Whereas, Undetected vision problems can contribute to a decrease in a child's quality of life, may lead to developmental and behavioral difficulties which impede classroom learning, as well as increase the costs to society; and

Whereas, Early detection of vision problems is the best way to treat and prevent permanent vision impairment; and

Whereas, Member optometrists of the American Optometric Association and the Vision Care Institute of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., have partnered to create InfantSee, a public health program to provide a one-time, no-cost eye assessment for infants six to twelve months of age; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare the week of May 9 through May 13, 2011, as InfantSee Week in the state of Michigan. We aim to promote awareness of children's vision care; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage parents to schedule an InfantSee assessment for their infants.