

Rep. Ananich offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 235.

A resolution to declare April 22-29, 2012, as Drug Take Back Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Saturday, April 28, 2012, will be considered the fourth annual "National Drug Take Back Day" sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and

Whereas, These events held all across Michigan and the United States provide the public with an opportunity to safely dispose of potentially harmful expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs; and

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem in the United States; and

Whereas, A recent report from the CDC found that the percentage of poisoning deaths among those aged 15-19 years with prescription drugs as a contributing cause increased from 30 percent in 2000 to 57 percent in 2009; and

Whereas, The availability of unused prescription drugs can increase the potential for crime by those who want to abuse them; and

Whereas, Safe convenient methods to dispose of prescription drugs will help keep potentially harmful medicines from entering both our water systems and the hands of our youth; and

Whereas, The U.S. Geological Survey has found that 80 percent of streams and 93 percent of groundwater tested were contaminated with at least one pharmaceutical compound; and

Whereas, During the third National Drug Take Back Day in 2011, more than 375,000 pounds of prescription drugs were collected at more than 4,000 take back locations; and

Whereas, A medication take back day at the State Capitol in 2011 collected more than 515 pounds of unused drugs worth an estimated \$500,000; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 22-29, 2012, as Drug Take Back Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We urge all of our citizens to observe this occasion.