

Senator Green offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 175.

A resolution to proclaim October 13-20, 2012, as Cooperative Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Cooperatives are businesses that are owned and democratically governed by their members and exist solely to serve their members' interests; and

Whereas, Cooperative enterprises help build and sustain healthy communities in Michigan, promote jobs, and enhance the quality of life for those in our state and throughout the country; and

Whereas, Agricultural cooperatives play a vital role in the strong agricultural industry in Michigan; and

Whereas, More than 29,000 cooperatives operate in the United States, making a substantial contribution to the economy by generating over 2 million jobs, with annual sales of \$652 billion and possessing assets of \$3 trillion; and

Whereas, Cooperatives dedicate substantial human and financial resources to serve their communities beyond their core business functions, including charitable giving to meet the needs of underserved populations and investment in community development that generates jobs and income and helps create vital services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim October 13-20, 2012, as Cooperative Week. May cooperatives from all industries reaffirm their member-service mission, their commitment to community, and pledge continued active involvement in the communities in which their members live and work.