

Senator Green offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 176.

A resolution to proclaim October 7, 2012, as Lions Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, There are over 12,000 Lions members, both men and women, in more than 500 clubs throughout Michigan. Around the world, their 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members make them the world's largest service club organization; and

Whereas, In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, they have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired and have earned high marks for both integrity and transparency throughout their 95-year history; and

Whereas, Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.35 million members of their volunteer organization in 207 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but they share a core belief--"community is what we make it"; and

Whereas, In Michigan, Lions Clubs perform a huge variety of services to their communities, including providing eyeglasses and hearing aids to those who cannot afford them, holding holiday parties for underprivileged kids, underwriting food giveaways, helping send kids to camp, maintaining parks, visiting seniors, supporting organ donation drives, vision testing for young children, and many more; and

Whereas, All Michigan Lions Clubs come together to support four state projects: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank, Bear Lake Camp, and Lions of Michigan Foundation, which helps fund projects such as disaster relief in the United States and abroad; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim October 7, 2012, as Lions Day. May Lions Clubs throughout Michigan reaffirm their member-service mission: "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs"; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Lions of Michigan Council of Governors and the Lions of Michigan State Office.