

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 34

Offered by Senators Irwin, Stamas, Brinks, Moss, Hertel, McBroom, Polehanki, Bayer, Hollier, Ananich, McCann, Schmidt, Chang and Santana

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 2021 AS HOME CARE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, The United States has seen an ongoing demographic shift toward an increasingly older population, and 76 percent of Americans over age 50 wish to remain in their homes for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 4.6 million professional caregivers in the United States and an estimated 44 million family caregivers are lifelines to millions of Americans who need assistance with medical, personal, and end of life care; and

WHEREAS, Michigan values the rights of its citizens to live as free and independent as possible into their elder years; and

WHEREAS, Evidence suggests that programs which support aging at home may yield cost savings for families, government, and health systems; and

WHEREAS, Aging at home has been shown to have both health and emotional benefits over institutional care; and

WHEREAS, Caregiving is proclaimed as the ultimate form of love and respect, and we should support and demonstrate our gratitude for caregivers and their role in fulfilling an individual's desire to remain at home; and

WHEREAS, The promotion of aging in place may also create systemic cost savings for Medicare and Medicaid programs since these programs pay for the majority of long-term care today; and

WHEREAS, Michigan can reduce its existing long-term care costs considerably by promoting aging at home with the aid of in-home personal care service providers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 2021 as Home Care Awareness Month.

Adopted by the Senate, March 24, 2021.



Secretary of the Senate