

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.147

Rep. Whitsett offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare September 2021 as PACE Awareness Month  
2 in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, The Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly  
4 (PACE) model maintains the philosophy that it is better for seniors  
5 with chronic care needs to be served while continuing to live  
6 independently in the community whenever safely possible; and

7       Whereas, PACE's fully integrated program of comprehensive care  
8 allows eligible elderly residents who would normally need nursing  
9 facility care to continue living independently alongside their  
10 families with high-level medical services delivered right at home;  
11 and

12       Whereas, PACE programs offer an extensive range of services  
13 including but not limited to adult day care, meals, dentistry,

1 social services, transportation, primary, hospital, and nursing  
2 home care; prescription drugs, emergency services, and more in  
3 return for payments from Medicare and Medicaid, controlling costs  
4 for the state while providing improved health outcomes and greater  
5 satisfaction for participants; and

6       Whereas, The PACE Model of Care can be traced to a community  
7 in San Francisco, California in the early 1970s. Now 50 years  
8 later, PACE operates 13022 programs across 31 states ; and

9       Whereas, Michigan's first PACE program opened in 1995. Now  
10 over 25 years later, more than 3,700 participants are served by 14  
11 PACE programs across the state. This number will soon grow  
12 following an expansion provided for by recent legislation passed in  
13 Spring 2021; and

14       Whereas, Current PACE locations in the state of Michigan  
15 include PACE Southeast Michigan, Care Resources, Life Circles PACE,  
16 CenterCare, PACE of Southwest Michigan, Huron Valley PACE, Senior  
17 CommUnity Care of Michigan, Great Lakes PACE, Genesys PACE, Thome  
18 PACE, Community PACE at Home, PACE Central Michigan, PACE North,  
19 and Sunrise PACE; now, therefore, be it

20       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
21 this legislative body declare September 2021 as PACE Awareness  
22 Month in the state of Michigan.