

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

Senators Irwin, Stamas, Brinks, Moss, Hertel, McBroom, Polehanki, Bayer, Hollier, Ananich, McCann and Schmidt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 2021 as Home Care Awareness
2 Month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
19 body recognize April 2021 as Home Care Awareness Month.