

Reps. Dennis, Accavitti, Adamini, Anderson, Bieda, Brown, Byrum, Caswell, Caul, Clack, Condino, DeRossett, Ehardt, Farrah, Gillard, Hopgood, Jamnick, Kooiman, Law, Lipsey, Minore, Murphy, Pappageorge, Plakas, Rocca, Sak, Shackleton, Shaffer, Shulman, Spade, Stallworth, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Vander Veen and Wojno offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 312.

A resolution observing October 4-8, 2004, as Antibiotic Resistance Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Antibiotics are powerful medicines for treating bacterial infections; and

Whereas, Bacterial resistance to antibiotics is a serious public health issue not only in Michigan but throughout the United States, resulting in increasing numbers of difficult-to-cure infections from drug-resistant bacteria; and

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates approximately 50 million antibiotic prescriptions written annually are not necessary, and it is important for the public to be aware of this health issue and to learn when antibiotics can be helpful for upper respiratory infections; and

Whereas, It is important for health care professionals and their patients to be increasingly careful when prescribing antibiotics for upper respiratory infections; and

Whereas, The Michigan Antibiotic Resistance Reduction Coalition is a partnership of physician organizations, consumer groups, health plans, state and local public health organizations, and pharmaceutical companies whose purpose is to educate health professionals and consumers about the appropriate use of antibiotics; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body observe October 4-8, 2004, as Antibiotic Resistance Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We commend all businesses and community members who participate in local and regional celebratory and educational activities; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be provided Michigan Department of Community Health.