

Rep. Brown offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 364.

A resolution commemorating May 18-24, 2008, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Each year residents and visitors to the state of Michigan may require emergency medical care for traumatic injuries, burns, poisonings, spinal cord injuries, heart attacks, and other critical medical emergencies; and

Whereas, Emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

Whereas, Emergency care personnel, including emergency medical dispatchers, first responders, first aiders, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technician-defibrillators, paramedics, nurses, and physicians, whether volunteers or paid personnel, give selflessly of themselves for the welfare of others and are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

Whereas, The members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

Whereas, The citizens of the state of Michigan benefit from the knowledge, skills and dedication of these emergency medical services specialists, as they work together to ensure prompt and appropriate treatment at the scene, on the way to the hospital, and in the emergency department; and

Whereas, It is important for the citizens of the state of Michigan to know about our emergency medical services system, including what to do in a medical emergency and whom to call, and to benefit from reminders about ways to prevent emergencies from happening; and

Whereas, It is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers; and

Whereas, A national week dedicated to educating all Americans on the achievements and contributions of emergency medical services providers which has resulted in assuring all citizens the highest standards of emergency medical care while improving the quality of life for the people of Michigan, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate May 18-24, 2008, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the state of Michigan, and honor the contributions it is making to educate Americans on the commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities everywhere that emergency medical services personnel provide; and be it further

Resolved, That we honor and join other organizations throughout the state and this country, as they use this occasion to honor the contributions of emergency medical services providers; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Huron-Sanilac EMS Network. Additionally, that a copy of this resolution be made available to any other interested EMS network as a token of our appreciation.