

Senators McManus and Stamas offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 97.

A resolution recognizing November 2009 as Adoption Awareness Month and November 15, 2009, as Adoption Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Children thrive in loving families where they are nurtured, comforted, and protected; and

Whereas, Michigan recognizes the valuable contributions of individuals who travel the rewarding journey of adoption by providing love, guidance, and hope for children whose lives have been filled with change and uncertainty; and

Whereas, Michigan is committed to working as a partner with social service agencies, organizations in communities, and child advocates to help recruit and support adoptive families who make a difference in developing positive outcomes for our children; and

Whereas, Finding nurturing, permanent homes for waiting children is an objective Michigan works toward throughout the year. However, during Adoption Awareness Month, special efforts are made to instill a greater perception of the need for adoptive families; and

Whereas, Throughout November, communities across the nation observe National Adoption Month to raise awareness and encourage citizens to become involved in the lives of these youth--as adoptive parents, volunteers, or mentors. This body understands the importance of adoption, and we honor those who provide children with a loving home; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize November 2009 as Adoption Awareness Month and November 15, 2009, as Adoption Day in the state of Michigan, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Bethany Christian Services and Adoption Associates, Incorporated, as a token of our highest esteem.