

Senator George offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 185.

A resolution proclaiming November 2010 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death for both men and women in Michigan, the United States, and the world; this year killing more Americans than breast, prostate, and colon cancers combined; and

Whereas, In the United States in 2010, about 222,520 new cases of lung cancer are estimated to be diagnosed (116,750 among men and 105,770 among women); and

Whereas, Nationwide, there are an estimated 157,300 deaths in 2010 from lung cancer (86,220 among men and 71,080 among women), accounting for about 27 percent of all cancer deaths; and

Whereas, In Michigan in 2010, there will be an estimated 8,150 people who are diagnosed with lung cancer, and over 5,830 residents will succumb to the disease; and

Whereas, The causes of lung cancer include smoking, exposure to toxins and known carcinogens, and genetic abnormalities; and

Whereas, 80 percent of lung cancer cases are diagnosed in people who have never smoked or who have quit smoking; and

Whereas, Lung cancer has a poor prognosis, and even with treatment, people with advanced non-small cell lung carcinoma have a five-year survival rate of less than 5 percent; and

Whereas, Increased awareness and coordination among all stakeholders--federal and state governments, providers, patient groups, and researchers--are critical to promote the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung cancer; and

Whereas, The Lung Cancer Alliance has declared November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in a national effort to raise awareness about lung cancer issues; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the state of Michigan hereby proclaims the month of November 2010 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month.