

Rep. Lyons offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 253.

A resolution to declare May 21-27, 2012, as AMBER Alert Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Michigan AMBER Alert was launched in 2001 through a public private partnership between the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, Michigan State Police, Michigan Chiefs of Police, The Michigan Sheriffs Association and the Michigan Department of Transportation to locate and recover missing and endangered children within the state; and

Whereas, The Michigan AMBER Alert program was the first in the nation to develop a statewide AMBER Alert system utilizing the eyes and ears of millions of people listening to radio, watching television or viewing MDOTs electronic message boards to successfully recover 315 abducted and endangered children since its inception; and

Whereas, The Michigan State Police and local law enforcement agencies have teamed with Michigan's broadcasters and other state and local organizations to form an intricate network, one of the best and most comprehensive in the nation, utilizing the latest alerting technology to provide immediate information to the public during an active AMBER Alert; and

Whereas, The Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of the state of Michigan, recognize the important contributions made by the partners and the support of the Michigan AMBER Alert Foundation which has the purpose of helping to fund AMBER Alert in Michigan through the generosity of corporate donors and grants without state funding; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 21-27, 2012, as AMBER Alert Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.