

Reps. Outman, Brown, Denby, Howrylak, Kowall, O'Brien and Poleski offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 26.

A resolution to declare February 22, 2013, as Peace and Healing Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The people of Michigan have a right to a safe community free from violence and the fear of violence; and

Whereas, Violence on the streets of our major cities as well as our smaller communities continues to harm our state by disrupting families, destroying the futures of our children, demoralizing good citizens, and consuming valuable state resources in both law enforcement and corrections; and

Whereas, Communities around the state are coming together to express their unified desire to work toward the goal of making our cities safer by focusing on crime reduction. Community organizations, law enforcement and anti-crime organizations are coming together with the common goal of promoting peace and spreading awareness of the harm that violence inflicts on our communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare February 22, 2013, as Peace and Healing Day in the state of Michigan. We call for a halt to street violence and invite media and educators around the state to engage, inform, and empower people to focus attention on the many benefits of peace, cooperation, and healing in our communities.