

Reps. Slavens, Rutledge, Tlaib, Roberts, Greimel, Haugh, Darany, Knezek, Kandrevas, Brown, Cochran, Brinks, Segal, Hobbs, Barnett, Durhal, Geiss, Heise, Hovey-Wright, Howrylak, Irwin, Lamonte, Lori, Poleski, and Talabi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 86.

A resolution to declare April 2013 as Animal Cruelty Prevention Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan are concerned with the humane treatment of animals; and

Whereas, The kind and humane treatment of animals has a strong correlation to the kind and humane treatment of people; and

Whereas, Animal cruelty is proven to directly parallel violent and criminal acts on people; and

Whereas, The vigorous enforcement of existing animal cruelty laws will help eliminate cruelty to all animals wild or tame; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan would like to commend the local law enforcement agencies and various animal welfare organizations for taking the necessary steps in investigating, alleviating, and prosecuting animal abuse cases; and

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan are encouraged to learn to recognize animal cruelty and report any suspected abuse to their local enforcement agencies; and

Whereas, Any and all animals should be treated with kindness, consideration, and respect; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 2013 as Animal Cruelty Prevention Month in the state of Michigan .