

Rep. Haines offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 7.**

A resolution to declare January 2013 as Clinical Trial Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Clinical trials of new medicines and devices are a vitally important part of the drug development and approval process, and account for 45-75 percent of the \$1.2 billion average cost of developing a new drug for patients; and

Whereas, Biopharmaceutical and biomedical research companies are conducting or have conducted more than 3,400 clinical trials for new medicines and devices in collaboration with Michigan's clinical research centers, university medical schools, and hospitals (1999 to present); and

Whereas, Of the 3,400 clinical trials, 1,725 target or have targeted the nation's six most debilitating chronic diseases - asthma, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, mental illness, and stroke and more than 385 clinical trials are still recruiting; and

Whereas, Thousands of Michigan patients are benefitting from cutting edge treatments where no other treatment options may exist today or are testing improved dosage guidelines and administration routes that may result in fewer side effects; and

Whereas, Biopharmaceutical and biomedical research companies have been an important source of jobs, tax revenue, and research spending in Michigan, supporting nearly 95,000 jobs throughout the state and paying more than \$1.6 billion in employee revenue, leading to \$57 million in state taxes and more than \$388 million in federal taxation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare January 2013 as Clinical Trial Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. Research institutions, academic facilities, healthcare provider organizations, hospitals and others are urged to recognize and participate in Clinical Trial Awareness Month by honoring and celebrating so that people of Michigan are aware of the benefits that clinical trials offer as therapeutic options and the benefits of clinical trials to the economy of the state of Michigan.