

Rep. Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 182.

A resolution to declare July 2013 as Ultraviolet Ray Safety Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The sun can adversely affect everyone; and

Whereas, People who are at the highest risk for skin cancer are those who spend excessive amounts of time in the sun, as well those who get sun burns easily or frequently; and

Whereas, Even though the risk of skin cancer is not equal for all people, everyone should take precautions; and

Whereas, Everyone is equally at risk for eye damage due to overexposure to the sun's ultra violet radiation; and

Whereas, Prolonged exposure of natural and/or manmade UV rays leads to skin and eye diseases such as cataracts, age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma complications, skin cancer, and weakened immune systems; and

Whereas, The most dangerous UV levels exist between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., even on cloudy days and during winter months; and

Whereas, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing a hat with a wide brim to shade the face, head, ears, and neck, as well as wearing sunglasses that wrap around and block as close to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays as possible; and

Whereas, The CDC recommends the use sunscreen with sun protective factor (SPF) 15 or higher and both UVA and UVB protection; and

Whereas, Ultraviolet Safety Month helps develop greater public awareness of dangers of exposure to UV radiation and the importance of protecting our skin and eyes from the sun's harmful rays; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare July 2013 as Ultraviolet Ray Safety Month in the state of Michigan.