

Rep. Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 183.

A resolution to declare August 2013 as Immunization Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases that once routinely killed or harmed tens of thousands of infants, children, and adults; and

Whereas, Vaccine-preventable diseases have a costly impact, resulting in doctors' visits, hospitalizations, and premature deaths; and

Whereas, Maintaining high immunization rates protects the entire state by interrupting the transmission of disease-causing bacteria or viruses; and

Whereas, Influenza is responsible for approximately 20,000 to 50,000 deaths annually and an estimated 200,000 hospitalizations per year; and

Whereas, Hepatitis B infections occur in 200,000 to 300,000 people each year and result in 10,000 to 15,000 hospitalizations and 250 deaths each year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That that the members of this legislative body declare August 2013 as Immunization Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.