

Rep. Kurtz offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 249.

A resolution to declare November 21, 2013, as Great American Smoke-Out Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and

Whereas, More than 45 million Americans smoke cigarettes and more than 15 million people smoke tobacco in cigars or pipes; and

Whereas, The United States Surgeon General has said that smoking remains the single most preventable cause of premature death in our society; and

Whereas, Lung cancer is the leading type of cancer death in America as 87% of lung cancer cases result from smoking; and

Whereas, For thirty years, millions of smokers have participated in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-Out, a day on which they give up cigarettes for 24 hours in the hope they may quit permanently; and

Whereas, A significant number of those who gave up cigarettes for the day were able to give up the habit entirely; and

Whereas, This demonstration of success suggests that the Great American Smoke-Out has potential for improving the health of the citizens of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 21, 2013, as Great American Smoke-Out Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize that the citizens of Michigan deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy, informed, and aware of their health and of the factors that affect that health.