

Senators Hune, Kowall, Bieda, Hopgood, Anderson, Booher, Proos, Hildenbrand, Hansen and Robertson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 52.

A resolution proclaiming May 12-18, 2013, as InfantSEE® Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The most critical stages of vision development occur in the first year of a child's life; and

Whereas, Undetected eye and vision problems can lead to permanent vision impairment or loss of life; and

Whereas, 1 in 10 children is at risk from undiagnosed eye and vision problems, and 1 in 30 children will be affected by amblyopia--a leading cause of vision loss in people younger than 45 years of age; and

Whereas, Undetected vision problems can contribute to a decrease in a child's quality of life and may lead to developmental and behavioral difficulties which impede classroom learning, as well as increase the costs to society; and

Whereas, Early detection of vision problems is the best way to treat and prevent permanent vision impairment; and

Whereas, Member optometrists of the American Optometric Association and The Vision Care Institute of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., have partnered to create InfantSEE®, a public health program to provide a one-time, no-cost eye assessment for infants six to twelve months old; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2013, as InfantSEE® Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the Michigan Optometric Association and the profession of optometry on the fifth anniversary of the InfantSEE® program for voluntarily dedicating their expertise and services to the infants of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the state of Michigan encourage parents to schedule an InfantSEE® assessment for their infants; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Optometric Association with our highest esteem.