

Senator Schmidt offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 178.:

A resolution to proclaim May 15-21, 2016, as AMBER Alert Awareness Week.

Whereas, Michigan's AMBER Alert was launched in 2001, through a public-private partnership between the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, Michigan State Police, Michigan Chiefs of Police, Michigan Sheriffs' Association, and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), to locate and recover abducted, endangered children within the state; and

Whereas, The Michigan AMBER Alert program was the first in the nation to develop a statewide AMBER Alert system utilizing the eyes and ears of millions of people listening to radio, watching television, or viewing MDOT's electronic message boards to successfully recover 351 abducted, endangered children since its inception; and

Whereas, The Michigan State Police and local law enforcement agencies have teamed with Michigan's broadcasters and other state and local organizations to form an intricate network. It is one of the best and most comprehensive in the nation and employs the latest alerting technology to provide immediate information to the public during an active AMBER Alert; and

Whereas, The Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of the state of Michigan, recognize the important contributions made by the partners and the support of the Michigan AMBER Alert Foundation, which has the purpose of helping to fund AMBER Alert in Michigan through the generosity of corporate donors and grants without state funding; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2016, as AMBER Alert Awareness Week; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, the Michigan Department of State Police, the Michigan Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, and the Michigan Department of Transportation.