

Senator O'Brien offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 193.

A resolution to commemorate June 2016 as Internet Safety Month.

Whereas, We recognize that Internet Safety Month provides Michigan residents with an opportunity to learn more about the dangers of the Internet and the importance of being safe and responsible online. We observe this month of awareness here in Michigan as well as nationally; and

Whereas, We commend and acknowledge state and community organizations for promoting awareness of the dangers of the Internet and providing information and training that develops critical thinking and decision-making skills that are needed to use the Internet safely. We call on Internet safety organizations, law enforcement, educators, community leaders, parents, and volunteers to increase their efforts to raise the level of awareness for the need for online safety in the United States; and

Whereas, The Michigan Child Protection Registry honors Internet Safety Month by reminding parents that when they sign up for this registry, they can block adult-oriented advertisements like alcohol, tobacco, pornography, illegal online gambling, and illegal drugs from reaching their family's email inboxes, cell phones, or instant messenger IDs; and

Whereas, The Michigan Child Protection Registry was created by the Michigan Legislature in 2004 as a do-not-contact service for Michigan families. It is a free, state-administered program that allows Michigan's families to protect their households from adult-oriented messages; and

Whereas, The Michigan Child Protection Registry is administered by the Secretary of State and enforced by the Attorney General; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate June 2016 as Internet Safety Month in the state of Michigan. We urge all individuals to raise their awareness to ensure that their Internet time is safe and secure all year long.