

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

Senator Wojno offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution recognizing May 5-11, 2019, as InfantSEE® Week.

2       Whereas, The most critical stages of vision development occur  
3 in the first year of a child's life when the eye undergoes rapid  
4 and profound changes; and

5       Whereas, It is recommended infants should receive a  
6 comprehensive baseline eye exam between the ages of six to twelve  
7 months because undetected eye and vision problems can lead to  
8 permanent vision impairment or loss of life; and

9       Whereas, One-in-ten children are at-risk from undiagnosed eye  
10 and vision problems. By the time children enter school, nearly 25  
11 percent will need or wear corrective lenses; and

12       Whereas, One-in-thirty children will be affected by amblyopia-

1 a leading cause of vision loss in people younger than forty-five  
2 years; and

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

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

9 Whereas, Member Optometrists of the American Optometric  
10 Association and The Vision Care Institute® of Johnson & Johnson,  
11 Inc. have partnered to create InfantSEE®, a public health program  
12 to provide a one-time, no cost, eye assessment for infants six to  
13 twelve months; and

14 Whereas, InfantSEE® is a program that is comprised of nearly  
15 4,000 optometrists volunteering their services across the country.  
16 InfantSEE® has provided over 140,000 infants with comprehensive eye  
17 assessments since the start of the program in 2005; now therefore,  
18 be it

19 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
20 body recognize the week of May 5-11, 2019, as InfantSEE® Week; and  
21 be it further

22 Resolved, We commend the members of the Michigan Optometric  
23 Association and the profession of optometry on the eleventh  
24 anniversary of the InfantSEE® program for voluntarily dedicating  
25 their expertise and services to the infants of Michigan; and be it  
26 further

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