

Senators Young, Booher, Bieda, Emmons, Ananich, Gregory, Johnson, Hunter, Jones and Anderson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 87.

A resolution designating October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence estimates 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime; and

Whereas, An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault each year, and almost 7.8 million women have been raped by a domestic partner at some point in their lives; and

Whereas, Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to police, and less than one-fifth of victims reporting an injury from intimate partner violence sought medical treatment following the injury; and

Whereas, Nearly one-third of female homicide victims reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner; and

Whereas, The economic impact of domestic violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, of which \$4.1 billion goes directly towards medical and mental health services; and

Whereas, Domestic violence affects people of all ages, races, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we join together in recognizing October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body encourage all Michiganders to work together to help end abuse by recognizing the signs of violence and supporting those impacted by domestic assault; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, My Sister's Place, Turning Point, Inc., End Violent Encounters, and the Capital Area Response Effort as evidence of our esteem.