

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.42

Senator Wojno, Alexander, Ananich, Barrett, Bayer, Brinks, Bullock, Chang, Daley, Hertel, Johnson, Lucido, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Polehanki, Santana, VanderWall and Zorn 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

1 and vision problems. By the time children enter school, nearly 25
2 percent will need or wear corrective lenses; and

3 Whereas, One-in-thirty children will be affected by amblyopia-
4 a leading cause of vision loss in people younger than forty-five
5 years; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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