

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Senators Wojno, Bellino, Huizenga, Damoose, Webber, Daley, Santana, Outman, Chang, Moss, McCann, Hertel, McMorrow, Polehanki, Camilleri, Brinks, Geiss, Klinefelt, Anthony, Cavanagh, Singh, Shink, Cherry, Irwin and Bayer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize September 2023 as National PACE
2 (Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) Month.

3 Whereas, The PACE model enables nursing home-eligible
4 individuals to live in the community as long as possible. PACE is
5 successful at keeping more than 95 percent of its enrollees in the
6 community and out of nursing homes; and

7 Whereas, PACE is a quickly growing care model that has been in
8 operation for more than 30 years. Michigan's first PACE program
9 opened in 1995. Today, Michigan has 14 PACE organizations in 25

1 sites, serving over 5,000 participants; and

2 Whereas, The PACE Association of Michigan was formed in 2015
3 to support, safeguard, and expand Michigan PACE programs and
4 initiatives through education and advocacy in order to enhance the
5 lives of PACE participants and their caregivers; and

6 Whereas, During the pandemic, PACE organizations adapted the
7 model in a number of ways to increase the safety of staff and
8 participants. The programs provided further support and training
9 for family caregivers when they are available to provide care. PACE
10 programs have also utilized telemedicine interventions from
11 telephone calls to specialized technology. They have worked to find
12 new ways to engage participants who often miss their friends at the
13 PACE center. Each PACE center also operates a clinic; and

14 Whereas, Programs like PACE deliver much needed medical and
15 supportive services, encompassing the entire continuum of care and
16 services for seniors with chronic care needs, while also
17 maintaining independence for individuals in their home for as long
18 as possible. This allows older adults who meet state eligibility
19 criteria for nursing home level of care to continue living in the
20 community with the coordination of the interdisciplinary team; and

21 Whereas, PACE programs are innovative as they assume full
22 financial risk for all medical care and related services, including
23 transportation, hospitalization, and long-term care, in return for
24 capitated payments from Medicare and Medicaid. This controls costs
25 for the state, while providing improved health outcomes and greater
26 satisfaction for participants; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
28 body recognize September 2023 as National PACE (Programs of All-
29 inclusive Care for the Elderly) Month.