

Senator George offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 75.

A resolution recognizing October 12-20, 2005, as United States Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week.

Whereas, For more than 35 million Americans, movement is restricted by a musculoskeletal disorder such as arthritis, back pain, fracture, osteoporosis, or sports trauma; and

Whereas, As part of the worldwide Bone and Joint Decade Initiative, U.S. patient and physician healthcare organizations, government agencies, and industry have come together to improve prevention of bone and joint disorders and to improve the quality of life for those affected; and

Whereas, The goal begins with increased awareness, solid information, and ongoing research. To this end, a specific week has been designated to bring attention to this issue; and

Whereas, Many activities are planned for the week, including new program launches, timely news announcements, and the release of a newly produced *National Awareness Week Tool Kit* for all participating organizations offering creative ideas; and

Whereas, Other activities during this special week involve races, walks, screenings, bone density tests, health fairs, sporting events, and special presentations to educate the public about musculoskeletal disorders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we join the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Michigan Orthopaedic Society in recognizing the week of October 12-20, 2005, as United States Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage all the citizens of Michigan to learn how musculoskeletal conditions can affect their daily lives and how to make smart bone health choices; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Orthopaedic Society as a token of our support.