

Senators Brater, Cherry, Thomas, Barcia, Jacobs and Clark-Coleman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 147.

A resolution observing September 18-24, 2006, as Pollution Prevention Week.

Whereas, Pollution prevention is a priority in achieving environmental quality in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The people of Michigan are proud of our state's beauty, natural resources, and environment; and

Whereas, The presence of pollutants continue to pose a threat to our environment, public health, and safety; and

Whereas, Pollution prevention is a fundamental strategy to protect the environment and maintain the health and safety of workers in the workplace by stopping pollution before it occurs; and

Whereas, Pollution prevention can increase industrial efficiency, competitiveness, and help Michigan develop both a "bio-economy" and green businesses with clean and pollution-free technology that can save businesses money; and

Whereas, Pollution prevention helps Michigan meet the challenges of having both a sustainable environment and healthy economy for its citizens and businesses; and

Whereas, The Senate supports pollution prevention as a means to promote environmental stewardship which improves our communities and protects our natural resources for future generations; and

Whereas, Pollution Prevention Week is an opportunity for the people of Michigan to join together for a clean and vibrant Michigan by taking action to reduce waste at its source, or where this is not feasible, identify opportunities to reuse and recycle; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby observe September 18-24, 2006, as Pollution Prevention Week in Michigan, and we commend all businesses and community members who participate in local and regional celebratory and educational activities; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to be posted on its website for Michigan residents to see and as evidence of our support.