

Reps. Brown, Barnett, Durhal, Roberts and Slavens offered the following resolution:  
**House Resolution No. 304.**

A resolution to declare March 2014 as Parenting Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Parenting Awareness Michigan Initiative has been in existence since 1993, when it began as an awareness month to promote parenting; and

Whereas, Parenting Awareness Month sets the foundation for guiding children and youth to be healthy and drug free year round; and

Whereas, Parenting Awareness works to raise the awareness of individuals and community groups to be involved in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention; and

Whereas, Informed and effective parenting is of critical importance across the lifespan and adds stability and strength to the lives of children and also helps to reduce social problems such as substance abuse, academic failure, teenage pregnancy, violence, and crime; and

Whereas, Showing children love, concern, and respect, providing children a safe place to live and play, spending time with children and teaching them to be responsible are key factors in the philosophy supported by Parenting Awareness Michigan; and

Whereas, Parenting Awareness Michigan provides and promotes education and resources for the development of effective parenting while working hand-in-hand with our schools and community to improve the quality of life for children and families; and

Whereas, A national month is dedicated to educating all Americans on the importance of effective parenting and to celebrate those people who are raising children and utilize the Parenting Awareness Michigan Initiative to improve the quality of life for the people of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2014 as Parenting Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We honor the contributions it is making to educate Americans on the commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities everywhere that the Parenting Awareness Michigan Initiative provides; and be it further

Resolved, That we honor and join other organizations throughout the state and this country as they use this occasion to honor the contributions of the Parenting Awareness Initiative; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Parenting Awareness Michigan Chapter; the Huron County Parenting Awareness Coalition, and other local community organizations throughout the state of Michigan.