

Senators Brown, George, Jelinek, Allen, Richardville, Pappageorge, Hardiman and Birkholz offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 11.**

A resolution designating Wednesday, May 23, 2007, of Michigan Week as Michigan Historical Marker Awareness Day.

Whereas, The state of Michigan is rich in history from the American people who arrived in Michigan over 10,000 years ago, to early settlers who traversed the Old Sauk Trail in southern Michigan, to the thriving copper mines in the Upper Peninsula; and

Whereas, It is important to safeguard Michigan's heritage by protecting and preserving its historic sites and encouraging children and families to take an interest in state history; and

Whereas, Through the Michigan Historical Marker Program, established in 1955, the Michigan Historical Commission has placed over 2,800 sites in the State Register of Historic Sites and erected over 1,500 official markers statewide, making it one of the largest privately-funded historical marker programs in the nation; and

Whereas, In an effort to promote historic sites throughout the state, it has been recommended that a Michigan Historical Marker Awareness Day be established; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 23, 2007, of Michigan Week as Michigan Historical Marker Awareness Day. We encourage Michigan citizens and visitors alike to visit historical markers so they may learn about and appreciate the many people and places that have contributed to the abundant heritage of our great state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the US 12 Heritage Trail Council, the Historical Society of Michigan, and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office as a token of our highest esteem.