

Rep. Whiteford offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 384.

A resolution to declare September 2018 as PACE Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) model centers around the belief that it is better for frail elderly individuals to be served while continuing to live independently in the community whenever safely possible; and

Whereas, PACE is a fully integrated model that provides comprehensive highly coordinated services allowing older adults who meet state eligibility criteria for nursing home level of care to continue living in the community; and

Whereas, PACE programs assume full financial risk for all medical care and related services, including transportation, hospitalization, and long-term care, in return for capitated payments from Medicare and Medicaid. This controls costs for the state while providing improved health outcomes and greater satisfaction for participants; and

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

Whereas, Michigan's first PACE program opened in 1995. Today, over 2,500 participants are served by 13 PACE programs in 18 sites across the state. These locations include PACE Southeast Michigan, Care Resources, Life Circles PACE, CentraCare, PACE of Southwest Michigan, Huron Valley PACE, Senior CommUnity Care of Michigan, Great Lakes PACE, Genesys PACE, Thome PACE, Community PACE at Home, PACE Central Michigan, and PACE North; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 2018 as PACE Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.