

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Senator VanderWall offered the following concurrent resolution:

1       A concurrent resolution to declare Adverse Childhood  
2 Experiences (ACEs) a critical health issue, commit the Legislature  
3 to action, and encourage the Governor to direct agencies to assess  
4 and report progress on reducing ACEs.

5       Whereas, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are now widely  
6 recognized as a dominant factor in the current and future well-  
7 being of children due to the harmful effects of toxic stress  
8 related to abuse (including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse),  
9 neglect (including physical and emotional neglect), and various  
10 family dysfunctions; and

11       Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and future health  
12 issues and conditions has an evidence-based foundation starting  
13 with the groundbreaking ACE study conducted collaboratively between  
14 the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and

1 Kaiser Permanente. This study has been cited more than 17,000 times  
2 in peer-reviewed scientific research articles; and

3       Whereas, The growing body of evidence on the science of human  
4 development incorporates research findings on ACEs and the long-  
5 term neurobiological, biomedical, and epigenetic consequences of  
6 toxic stress; and

7       Whereas, National and state surveys indicate that as many as  
8 70 percent of Michigan adults had at least one ACE during their  
9 childhood and as much as 20 percent of Michigan's adult population  
10 had four or more ACEs; and

11       Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and the current  
12 prevalence of chronic disease, addictive behaviors, and related  
13 conditions is now recognized by many as a major public health  
14 crisis. Nationwide, these conditions and illnesses cost billions of  
15 dollars in resources and reduce lifetime expectancy, and they all  
16 have their roots in childhood trauma; now, therefore, be it

17       Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives  
18 concurring), That we declare that ACEs constitute a critical health  
19 issue in Michigan and commit to an ongoing strategy to  
20 significantly reduce ACEs in Michigan through legislative  
21 leadership, legislative acts, appropriations, reporting, and  
22 oversight; and be it further

23       Resolved, That we encourage the Governor to issue an executive  
24 directive that would require administrating agencies to assess if  
25 the implementation of their programs reduces ACEs and provide an  
26 annual state report and data to the Legislature and general public  
27 about progress in reducing ACEs in Michigan; and be it further

28       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
29 Governor of the State of Michigan and the Director of the Michigan

**1** Department of Health and Human Services.