

**RESOLUTION 87 - 05A**

**Title: Educate Public About Better Health**  
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**Referred to: Reference Committee D**  
**House Action: Approved**

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**Whereas, citizens of the state of Michigan rate among the highest in the country for patients who are considered obese, and**

**Whereas, the number of patients who are considered obese continues to increase in Michigan despite the Michigan Surgeon General's program entitled "Michigan Steps Up," and**

**Whereas, studies have shown that obesity increases a patient's risks for diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, and**

**Whereas, the long-term affects of diabetes, heart disease, and cancer continue to drive up the cost of health care; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS and the county medical societies, advocate programs to educate Michigan's residents on weight reduction and exercise (Weigh Down, Girls/Boys on the Run, Presidential Fitness Program, Do-Groove) and promote a healthier Michigan population.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**