

RESOLUTION 15-08A

Title: Publish Nutritional Facts of Restaurant Food

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Referred to: Reference Committee D

House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, some families spend as much as 40 percent of their grocery budget at restaurants, according to the National Restaurant Association, and

Whereas, the obesity rates in Michigan are climbing and now stand 6th highest in the United States with the rate of adult obesity at 25.3 percent, according to the article “F as in Fat: How Obesity Policies are Failing in America, 2005” and ranked 10th highest in the United States with the rates of obese and overweight adults combined at 61.6 percent, and

Whereas, obesity has increased 54 percent in Michigan between 1992 and 2002, and costs up to three billion dollars annually, and

Whereas, information about the nutritious value of the restaurant foods might prompt the patrons to choose healthy food and provide the basics for children to choose healthy diets; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the legislature and the Michigan Department of Community Health to implement a strategy for restaurants that have menu items common to multiple locations to provide standard nutrition labels for applicable items, available for public viewing.

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