

RESOLUTION 29-15

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3 Title: Reinforce Provision of Vaccinations
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee D
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11 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**
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14 Whereas, the United States experienced a record number of measles cases
15 during 2014, with 644 cases from 27 states reported to Center for Disease Control
16 and Prevention’s National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases
17 (NCIRD) this being the greatest number of cases since measles eliminationⁱ was
18 documented in the U.S. in 2000, and
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20 Whereas, from January 1st through February 20th 2015 an additional 154 new
21 cases of measles were reported from 17 states, and
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23 Whereas, it is much cheaper to prevent a disease than to treat it, and
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25 Whereas, vaccines protect not only the individuals who are vaccinated but also
26 others around themⁱⁱ, and
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28 Whereas, if a critical number of people within a community are vaccinated
29 against a particular illness, the entire group becomes less likely to get the disease,
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32 Whereas, this protection is referred to as community or herd immunity, and
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34 Whereas, if too many people in a community do not get vaccinations, diseases
35 can reappear; thereby, individual non-vaccination has potential negative health
36 implications for the entire community, and
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38 Whereas, low vaccination rates have resulted in outbreaks of measles, mumps
39 and pertusis from time to time in the United States, and
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41 Whereas, Michigan has a high number of non-medical waivers for
42 immunizations; therefore be it
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44 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Community
45 Health to reinforce the message to health care providers in Michigan to provide timely
46 immunizations based on guidelines from the Advisory Committee on Immunization
47 Practices; and be it further

48 RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Community
49 Health to ensure non-medical immunization waiver rates decline in Michigan.

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52 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: None

ⁱ <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/faqs.html#measles-elimination>

ⁱⁱ <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/topics/vaccines/understanding/pages/vaccinebenefits.aspx>