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Sen. Green to be Presented with Michigan Pharmacists Association Executive Board Medal

Sen. Mike Green of Mayville will be presented with the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Executive Board Medal at the MPA Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 26-28 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

The Executive Board Medal Award is given annually to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary personal commitment to MPA. It is only one of two awards that may be given to a nonpharmacist by the Association. The award was developed to recognize individuals who have been instrumental to the MPA Executive Board and to the Association in advancing pharmacy's agenda.

Sen. Green was dedicated to helping the Association get legislation passed to establish licensure and certification requirements for pharmacy technicians. In addition, he and his staff maintained an open dialogue with the Association throughout the process and he has proven to be a strong advocate for patient safety and the pharmacy profession time and time again.

He served as the sponsor of Senate Bill 591, introduced in 2011. Although the bill did not move beyond the Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform, Sen. Green remained committed to addressing this patient safety concern and providing recognition to the skilled practice of pharmacy technicians. Senate Bill 92 was then introduced in 2013 and signed into law as Public Act 285 by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder.

Sen. Green was first elected to the Michigan Senate in November 2010. He represents the 31st District, including Bay, Lapeer and Tuscola Counties. Sen. Green is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and serves as chairman of three subcommittees for the Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Environmental Quality, and Natural Resources. He is also vice-chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and serves as a member of the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Committee.

Prior to his election to the Senate, he owned and operated a successful small business, Green's Log Rails and Custom Log Furniture, from 2003-2010, and served in the Michigan House from 1995-2001. Before serving in the Legislature, Sen. Green was a tool and die maker at General Motors, retiring with 30 years in the skilled trades. While working at GM, he also operated a family farm for 17 years and served his local community as a county commissioner for eight years.

Michigan Pharmacists Association, representing the nearly 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in Michigan, strives to serve members by providing support, advocacy and resources that ultimately improve patient care, safety, health and the practice of pharmacy. For more information, visit www.MichiganPharmacists.org.

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