

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

Reps. Mueller, Bezotte, Brabec, Breen, Glanville, Haadsma, Liberati, Morse, Rheingans, Rogers, Schuette, Snyder and Wilson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2023 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease affecting
4 approximately 40,000 children and adults in the United States; and

5 Whereas, A defective gene causes the body to produce an
6 abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs. These
7 secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct
8 the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the
9 intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

10 Whereas, More than 10 million Americans are symptomless

1 carriers of the defective cystic fibrosis gene. The disease occurs
2 in approximately one out of every 3,500 live births in the United
3 States; and

4 Whereas, There are close to 1,200 children living in Michigan
5 with the disease. The median age of survival for a person with
6 cystic fibrosis is 56 years; and

7 Whereas, Infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is
8 the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons
9 likely to have CF. Early diagnosis of cystic fibrosis permits early
10 treatment and enhances quality of life and longevity. The treatment
11 of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved.
12 A critical component of treating patients with cystic fibrosis
13 includes access to innovative treatments, which can play a critical
14 role in the lives of patients; and

15 Whereas, Michigan based non-profit advocacy groups such as the
16 Rock CF Foundation, The Bonnell Foundation: Living with cystic
17 fibrosis and Hunt for a Cure raise awareness and funds to assist
18 the CF Community. The CF Foundations local chapter continues to
19 raise much needed funds for research and medications; and

20 Whereas, Michigan also has eight cystic fibrosis care centers:
21 Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University Harper
22 University Hospital, Helen DeVos Women and Children's Center,
23 Spectrum Health Adult Cystic Fibrosis Care Center, Michigan State
24 University Pediatric, University of Michigan Pediatric and Adult,
25 Hurley Children's Clinic at Mott Children's Health Center, and
26 Western Michigan University School of Medicine Clinics. Toledo,
27 Ohio is also home to the Toledo Children's Hospital and Northwest
28 Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Center which serve Michigan patients as well;
29 and

1 Whereas, During the month of May, cystic fibrosis chapters and
2 volunteers will come together throughout the state of Michigan to
3 raise awareness about the disease to achieve their mission of
4 curing and providing support and treatment to those with cystic
5 fibrosis; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body declare May 2023 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
8 Month in the state of Michigan.