

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 134

Reps. Glanville and Haadsma offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 15, 2023, as Concussion
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Mild traumatic brain injury, otherwise known as a
4 concussion, is an important health concern for children, teens, and
5 adults; and

6 Whereas, According to information from the Centers for Disease
7 Control and Prevention: there are as many as 1,600,000 to 3,800,000
8 sports-related concussions annually; as many as 5,300,000
9 individuals live with a disability because of a traumatic brain
10 injury, between 2010 and 2016, an estimated 2,000,000 children
11 under age 18 visited an emergency department because of a traumatic
12 brain injury sustained during sports or recreation-related
13 activities, and an estimated 283,000 children seek care in United

1 States emergency departments each year for a sport- or recreation-
2 related traumatic brain injury, with traumatic brain injuries
3 sustained in contact sports accounting for approximately 45 percent
4 of these visits; and

5 Whereas, Research suggests that many children with a traumatic
6 brain injury do not seek care in emergency departments or do not
7 seek care at all, resulting in a significant underestimate of
8 prevalence; and

9 Whereas, The seriousness of concussions should not be
10 minimized in athletics. Return-to-play and return-to-learn
11 protocols can help ensure recovery; and

12 Whereas, Concussions can affect physical, mental, and social
13 health, and a greater awareness and understanding of proper
14 diagnosis and management of concussions is critical to improved
15 outcomes; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare September 15, 2023, as Concussion
18 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We express support for this
19 designation; and be it further

20 Resolved, That we recognize that mild traumatic brain injury
21 is an important health concern, commend the organizations and
22 individuals that raise awareness about mild traumatic brain injury,
23 and encourage awareness about the effects of concussions and the
24 proper diagnosis and management of concussions.