

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

Reps. Rigas, Outman, Jaime Greene, Borton, Zorn, Smit, Mueller, Lightner, Prestin, St. Germaine, Schriver, Aragona, Kunse, Roth, Johnsen, Slagh, Maddock, Paquette, DeSana, Friske, Posthumus, Filler, Beeler, Liberati, Tisdell, Bruck, Alexander, Meerman, DeBoyer, Schuette, Beson, Neyer, BeGole, Bierlein, Hall, VanderWall, Martin, Hoadley, Markkanen, Wozniak, Bezotte, Bollin, Cavitt, Steele, DeBoer, McKinney, Fox, Thompson, Wegela, Tsernoglou, Aiyash, Breen, Hill, Koleszar, Paiz, Rheingans and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 15, 2023, as Pregnancy and
2 Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Each year, approximately one million pregnancies in
4 the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a
5 newborn baby. It is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child.
6 Babies sometimes live within or outside their mothers' wombs for

1 only a short period of time. Even the shortest lives are still
2 valuable and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives
3 should not be trivialized; and

4 Whereas, The observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss
5 Remembrance Day may provide validation to those who have lost a
6 baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death; and

7 Whereas, A public that is informed and educated about
8 miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss can better learn how to
9 respond with compassion to affected families. Professionals who
10 come in contact with families who have suffered such losses, such
11 as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral
12 directors, police officers, public health nurses, educators, and
13 employers, can better serve families if they have better knowledge
14 of pregnancy and infant loss; and

15 Whereas, Recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
16 will provide the people of the state of Michigan with an
17 opportunity to increase their understanding of the great tragedy
18 involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies; and

19 Whereas, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day will enable
20 the people of Michigan to consider how, as individuals and
21 communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers,
22 and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths;
23 now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
25 this legislative body declare October 15, 2023, as Pregnancy and
26 Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan. We support
27 the goals and ideals of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss
28 Remembrance Day; and be it further

29 Resolved, That we recognize the grief of the families who have

1 experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss and wish to
2 help heal and comfort these families in a time of pain and
3 heartache, to give the families hope for the future, and to assist
4 women and families across the state in understanding their
5 experience.