

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

Rep. Churches offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 1, 2023, as Endometriosis  
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Endometriosis is a disease of the female reproductive  
4 system. Endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to that normally  
5 found in the uterus begins to grow outside of the uterus, leading  
6 to chronic, debilitating pelvic pain; and

7 Whereas, Endometriosis is a leading cause of female  
8 infertility. Endometriosis affects 1 in 10 women between the ages  
9 of 15 and 44 in the United States. There is an average of a 10 year  
10 delay from the onset of symptoms to the final diagnosis of  
11 endometriosis; and

12 Whereas, American endometriosis patients were hospitalized

1 105,123 days in 2010 because of their disease. Women with  
2 endometriosis can lose 11 hours per work week through lost  
3 productivity and absenteeism due to pain. Fifty-one percent of  
4 endometriosis patients report that their condition detrimentally  
5 affects their job; and

6       Whereas, The estimated total annual societal burden of  
7 endometriosis-related symptoms in the U.S. is \$56 billion, or  
8 \$10,824 per patient; and

9       Whereas, There is no cure for endometriosis. More research is  
10 necessary to develop treatment options to manage this debilitating  
11 disease. Education is important for promoting awareness of symptoms  
12 and early detection and diagnosis of endometriosis; and

13       Whereas, Endometriosis Awareness Day is the period of time  
14 when people recognize the impact of this disease on women's health  
15 and well-being, and understand that more work must be done to  
16 mitigate negative impacts of endometriosis; now, therefore, be it

17       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
18 this legislative body declare March 1, 2023, as Endometriosis  
19 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize the  
20 significant impacts of this disease on women's health outcomes.