

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

Rep. Mueller 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  
11 carriers of the defective cystic fibrosis gene. The disease occurs  
12 in approximately one out of every 3,500 live births in the United

1 States; and

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

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

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

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

28 Whereas, During the month of May, cystic fibrosis chapters and  
29 volunteers will come together throughout the state of Michigan to

1 raise awareness about the disease to achieve their mission of  
2 curing and providing support and treatment to those with cystic  
3 fibrosis; now, therefore, be it

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