

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

Senator Irwin offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize March 2024 as Bleeding Disorders
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, Millions of individuals and thousands of Michiganders
4 are affected not only by hemophilia, but all inheritable bleeding
5 disorders, including Von Willebrand disease, and other rare
6 bleeding disorders; and

7 Whereas, Bleeding disorders, which share the inability to form
8 a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after
9 injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation. If not treated
10 effectively, this can lead to significant morbidity and may be
11 fatal; and

12 Whereas, During the 1980s, many individuals with hemophilia

1 became infected with HIV and Hepatitis C due to the contamination
2 of blood supply and products; and

3 Whereas, In 1986, March was federally designated as
4 "Hemophilia Awareness Month," and in 2016, the Department of Health
5 and Human Services designated March as "National Bleeding Disorders
6 Month"; and

7 Whereas, There has been great scientific achievements in the
8 treatment of bleeding disorders and the larger pursuit of advanced
9 therapies and cures to these disorders; and

10 Whereas, The bleeding disorders community's relationships with
11 policymakers foster numerous medical and policy advancements
12 beneficial to all those affected and their loved ones; and

13 Whereas, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month fosters a greater
14 sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with
15 inheritable bleeding disorders; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
17 body recognize March 2024 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month;
18 and be it further

19 Resolved, That we raise awareness of and engagement in the
20 inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community to the
21 general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary
22 procedures, and disability.