

Reps. Moore, Accavitti, Acciavatti, Adamini, Anderson, Ball, Booher, Brandenburg, Brown, Byrnes, Clemente, Espinoza, Farhat, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Gleason, Gonzales, Gosselin, Hopgood, Hunter, Jones, Kolb, Lemmons, III, Lemmons, Jr., Mayes, Meisner, Meyer, Miller, Mortimer, Palsrok, Pearce, Phillips, Plakas, Polidori, Proos, Sak, Shaffer, Stakoe, Stewart, Taub, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Vander Veen, Kooiman and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 81.

A resolution designating June 25, 2005, as Tuberous Sclerosis Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, It is important to increase awareness of Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) and support programs to increase research and improve treatment of Tuberous Sclerosis. It is also vital to improve training and support for individuals with Tuberous Sclerosis and those who care for individuals with Tuberous Sclerosis; and

Whereas, The Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance is the only national voluntary health organization dedicated to finding a cure for TSC and improving the lives of those affected through research, support, and education; and

Whereas, TSC affects an estimated 1 in very 6,000 live births in America; and

Whereas, TSC affects some people severely, while others are so mildly affected that it often goes undiagnosed; and

Whereas, People with TSC often develop epilepsy and autism. In fact, TSC is the leading known genetic cause of epilepsy and autism. Many other individuals encounter behavioral and learning problems. Despite this, many professionals in the medical and educational fields are still unaware of the best methods to diagnose and treat TSC; and

Whereas, The Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance of Michigan is hosting an opportunity to create awareness of Tuberous Sclerosis and raise funds for research programs and services titled "Step Forward to Cure Tuberous Sclerosis" on June 25, 2005; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body designate June 25, 2005, as Tuberous Sclerosis Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize and commend the families and individuals affected by TSC for their sacrifice and dedication in dealing with this devastating condition. We commend them for providing the special needs of both children and adults with TSC and for absorbing significant financial costs for treatment and support services; and be it further

Resolved, We stress the need to begin early intervention services soon after a child has been diagnosed with TSC. Early intervention strategies are the primary therapeutic options for young people with TSC, and early intervention significantly improves outcomes for people with TSC. Early intervention can reduce the level of funding and services needed later in life.