

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

Reps. Ellison and Mueller offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2021 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease affecting
4 approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States; and

5 Whereas CF is a common autosomal recessive inherited disease,
6 with a carrier rate of 1 in 29 among Caucasians and 1 in 65 among
7 African Americans; and

8 Whereas, A defective gene causes the body to produce an
9 abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs. These
10 secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct
11 the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the
12 intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

1 Whereas, More than 10 million Americans are symptomless
2 carriers of the defective cystic fibrosis gene; and

3 Whereas, There are approximately 1,000 people in Michigan
4 living with the disease. The median age of survival for a person
5 with cystic fibrosis is 47 years; and

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

14 Whereas, Michigan has the second CF Task Force in the country
15 that raises awareness and advocates for people with CF. Michigan-
16 based non-profit advocacy groups, such as the Rock CF Foundation,
17 The Bonnell Foundation: Living with cystic fibrosis, and Hunt for a
18 Cure raise awareness and funds to assist the CF Community. The CF
19 Foundations local chapter continues to raise much needed funds for
20 research and medications; and

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

1 and

2 Whereas, During the month of May, cystic fibrosis chapters and
3 volunteers will come together throughout the state of Michigan to
4 raise awareness about the disease to achieve their mission of
5 curing and providing support and treatment to those with cystic
6 fibrosis; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
8 this legislative body declare May 2021 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
9 Month in the state of Michigan.