HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.152

Rep. Green offered the following resolution: 1 A resolution to declare September 2021 as Childhood Cancer 2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. 3 Whereas, In the United States it is estimated that 15,590 children and adolescents ages 0 to 19 will be diagnosed with cancer 4 and 1,780 will die of the disease during 2021; and 5 6 Whereas, Children's cancer affects all ethnic, gender, and 7 socio-economic groups; and 8 Whereas, Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease past infancy for U.S. children; and 9 Whereas, Great strides have been made since the mid-1970s in 10 the fight against pediatric cancer. Because of major treatment 11

advances in recent decades, more than 80 percent of children with

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- 1 cancer now survive 5 years or more; and
- 2 Whereas, Increased awareness, support, and study may help to
- 3 further improve these statistics and further protect our children
- 4 from these serious diseases; and
- 5 Whereas, We should renew our commitment to curing childhood
- 6 cancer and offer our support to the brave young people who are
- 7 fighting this disease; and
- 8 Whereas, To honor the memory of every young person lost to
- 9 cancer, we must unite behind improved treatment, advanced research,
- 10 and brighter futures for young people everywhere; and
- 11 Whereas, We also recognize the amazing strength of the
- 12 families of children who suffer from this illness; and
- 13 Whereas, The ability of many families to turn their grief into
- 14 positive action for other children who have been diagnosed with
- 15 cancer is truly inspirational; and
- 16 Whereas, All children deserve the chance to dream, discover,
- 17 and realize their full potential; now, therefore be it
- 18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
- 19 this legislative body declare September 2021 as Childhood Cancer
- 20 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan, and be it further
- 21 Resolved, That this month, and every month, we extend our
- 22 support to young people fighting for their future opportunities and
- 23 recognize all who commit themselves to advancing toward the goal of
- 24 a cancer-free world.