

SR 28 - As Adopted by Senate, March 20, 2007

Senator Patterson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 28.

A resolution proclaiming March as Hemophilia Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Hemophilia is the name of several hereditary genetic illnesses that impair the body's ability to control bleeding; and

Whereas, Hemophilia is defined as excessive, uncontrollable bleeding because of the missing or low-level clotting factor in the blood; and

Whereas, Bleeding may occur even when there is no injury and most often occurs in the joints and in the head; and

Whereas, There are approximately 20,000 U.S. citizens with hemophilia, and each year approximately 400 babies are born with the disease; and

Whereas, Hemophilia affects males almost exclusively--1 in 7,000--and is found in all populations; and

Whereas, There is no cure for hemophilia. It is a lifelong condition that can be controlled with regular injections of the deficient clotting factor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body do hereby declare March as Hemophilia Awareness Month. We call upon the people of Michigan and all city government agencies to observe the appropriate ceremonies and activities paying tribute to those affected by this lifelong condition; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan.