

Senators Meekhof and Hertel offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 73.

A resolution to commemorate July 5-11, 2015, as Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM) Awareness Week.

Whereas, Arteriovenous malformation (AVM) is defined as an abnormal connection between arteries and veins which bypass the capillary system. AVM is a rare condition that affects approximately 300,000 American citizens. Although many AVMs are asymptomatic, they can cause intense pain or bleeding in addition to other serious medical problems; and

Whereas, This vascular anomaly is widely known because of its occurrence in the central nervous system, but it can appear in any location. It may also cause abnormal sensations such as numbness, tingling, or spontaneous pain; difficulties with movement or coordination, including muscle weakness and even paralysis; vertigo, difficulties of speech, communication, and challenges with everyday activities; and

Whereas, A team of researchers has initiated research on AVM, with the goal of identifying a drug therapy to cure the disease. The objectives of this research include determining the mechanism of progression of AVM in humans; developing tools for testing potential pharmacotherapy; and developing drug treatment for humans with AVM; and

Whereas, The efforts of Kelleigh's Cause, a not-for-profit organization founded by Kelleigh Gustafson, a 16-year-old girl originally from Haslett, Michigan, in conjunction with the Sparrow Hospital Foundation, have been instrumental in raising attention and funds to support the research and treatment of AVM in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, There exists a great need for public awareness surrounding this rare condition and increased attention to efforts to support opportunities for advancement in AVM research and treatment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate July 5-11, 2015, as Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM) Awareness Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Sparrow Hospital Foundation, Kelleigh Gustafson, and Kelleigh's Cause as a token of our appreciation.