

Reps. Hoadley, Canfield, Chirkun, Gay-Dagnogo, Green, Howrylak, Kahle, Kelly, Maturen, Phelps, Sneller and Sowerby offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 417.

A resolution to declare November 2018 as COPD Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and

Whereas, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a term used to refer to a group of diseases causing airflow obstruction and breathing related problems including emphysema and chronic bronchitis as well as asthma and severe bronchiectasis; and

Whereas, COPD is a chronic and progressive disease that affects over 24 million persons nationwide and hundreds of thousands in Michigan, half of whom have not been properly diagnosed and 70% of whom are under the age of 65. COPD has become the third leading cause of death for Michigan residents; and

Whereas, COPD kills more than 120,000 Americans every year and causes one death every 4 minutes. COPD is considered to be the 2nd leading cause of disability in the U.S.; and

Whereas, More than 75% of COPD cases in the United States are attributed to smoking and are easily preventable. Other factors include environmental and exposure to air pollution, second hand smoke, and genetics. Nationwide the direct and indirect cost of COPD in 2010 was \$49.9 billion; and

Whereas, Coordinated public outreach efforts, such as the establishment of state COPD coalitions and the National Institutes of Health National Action Plan, can lead to improvements to public health and reduced healthcare costs; and

Whereas, Awareness, early detection, and treatment are crucial in the prevention and slowing the spread of COPD leading to reduced costs, increased productivity, and improved quality of life for Michigan residents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this legislative body declare November 2018 as COPD Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We urge the residents of Michigan to use this opportunity to become informed about their respiratory health and of the factors that affect it.