

Rep. Durhal offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 402.

A resolution to declare September 27, 2018, as Polycythemia Vera State Action Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Polycythemia vera is a specific type of myeloproliferative neoplasm. It is a rare blood cancer that primarily affects more men than women over the age of 60; and

Whereas, More than 100,000 Americans live with polycythemia vera; and

Whereas, The cause of polycythemia vera is due to a mutation in a gene that causes a problem with an abundance of blood cell production; and

Whereas, Polycythemia vera is not genetic, contagious, or directly inherited, but studies show there are genetic factors that indicate certain individuals are susceptible to the disease; and

Whereas, Polycythemia vera symptoms occur because of abnormalities affecting the formation of blood cells that result in an overproduction of red blood cells and, to a lesser extent, the overproduction of white blood cells and platelets; and

Whereas, There is no known cure for polycythemia vera; and

Whereas, The goals of Polycythemia Vera State Action Day is to invite people to join the movement to end polycythemia vera, encourage everyone to do something to demonstrate their commitment to moving toward a world free of polycythemia vera, and to acknowledge those who have dedicated their time and talent to help promote polycythemia vera research and programs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 27, 2018, as Polycythemia Vera State Action Day in the state of Michigan. We support the goals and ideals of Polycythemia Vera State Action Day and encourage media organizations to participate in Polycythemia State Action Day and help educate the public about the rare condition; and be it further

Resolved, That this legislative body recognizes and reaffirms the commitment of the Voices of MPN and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to combat polycythemia vera by promoting awareness about its causes and risks and by promoting new education programs, supporting research, and expanding access to medical treatment; and be it further

Resolved, That this legislative body recognizes all people in Michigan living with polycythemia vera expresses gratitude to their family members and friends who are a source of love and encouragement to them, and salutes the health care professionals and medical researchers who provide assistance to those so afflicted and continue to work to find cures and improve treatments; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.