

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.230

Reps. Manoogian, Lasinski, Hope, Wittenberg, Brixie, Haadsma, Garrett, Yancey, Gay-Dagnogo, Hood, Stone, Bolden, Warren, Rabhi, Pohutsky, Cynthia Johnson, Kuppa, Greig and Jones offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to support the United Nations' efforts to
2 eliminate female genital mutilation worldwide, and urge the state
3 of Michigan to do everything it can to end female genital
4 mutilation in the state.

5 Whereas, Female genital mutilation is a harmful practice that
6 involves the removal of all or part of the female genitalia. It is
7 a human rights violation and serves no medical purpose; and

8 Whereas, Female genital mutilation has serious implications
9 for the sexual and reproductive health of girls and women. Victims
10 of female genital mutilation experience psychological trauma, pain,
11 shock, bleeding, and other immediate injuries. Victims also face



1 long-term consequences such as complications during childbirth,
2 anemia, the formation of cysts and abscesses, painful sexual
3 intercourse, sexual dysfunction, increased risk of HIV
4 transmission, and numerous other problems; and

5 Whereas, Female genital mutilation is a barbaric practice
6 performed all over the world as a means of controlling girls and
7 women. An estimated 200 million girls and women alive today have
8 been subjected to female genital mutilation worldwide, and roughly
9 half a million girls and women in the United States have undergone
10 female genital mutilation or are considered to be at risk for it in
11 the near future; and

12 Whereas, The United Nations passed a historic resolution in
13 2012 calling on all countries to intensify global efforts to
14 eliminate female genital mutilation. Countless other organizations,
15 countries, states, provinces, and municipalities have worked to end
16 female genital mutilation, but much more work needs to be done to
17 support the mission outlined in the resolution; and

18 Whereas, The state of Michigan has the ability to make a
19 significant difference in the fight against female genital
20 mutilation. By passing stronger criminal laws, devoting resources
21 to investigations, and engaging in a robust public health awareness
22 campaign, the state can save girls from this horrible crime and
23 hold perpetrators accountable; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we support the
25 United Nations' efforts to eliminate female genital mutilation
26 worldwide, and urge the state of Michigan to do everything it can
27 to end female genital mutilation in the state; and be it further

28 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
29 Secretary General of the United Nations, the United States Mission



1 to the United Nations, the Governor, the Attorney General, and the
2 directors of the Department of State Police and Department of
3 Health and Human Services.