

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 286

Reps. O'Neal, Brabec, Breen, Byrnes, Glanville, Haadsma, Hill, MacDonell, Paiz, Rheingans and Skaggs offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 19, 2024, as Sickle Cell
2 Awareness Day in Michigan.

3 Whereas, The General Assembly of the United Nations on
4 December 22, 2008, adopted a resolution, drafted by the Democratic
5 Republic of Congo, to recognize sickle cell disease as a serious
6 world health problem on June 19 of each year, starting in 2009, at
7 the national and international levels. The UN has declared June 19
8 as World Sickle Cell Awareness Day; and

9 Whereas, It is recognized that sickle cell disease is one of
10 the world's foremost genetic diseases. It has severe physical,

1 psychological, and social consequences for those affected and their
2 families. In its homozygote form, it is one of the most lethal
3 genetic diseases; and

4 Whereas, There is a serious need to raise public awareness
5 about sickle cell disease and to eliminate harmful prejudices
6 associated with the disease; and

7 Whereas, People across Michigan are organizing events to
8 celebrate World Sickle Cell Awareness Day, and in so doing to
9 helping increase awareness, build support networks, raise critical
10 resources, and strengthen our community's collective resolve to
11 advocate for access to sickle cell services and a universal cure
12 for sickle cell disease; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
14 this legislative body declare June 19, 2024, as Sickle Cell
15 Awareness Day in Michigan.