

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 189

Reps. Morse, Weiss, Tyrone Carter, Rheingans, Haadsma, Brabec, Rogers and Neeley offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare February 2024 as Cholangiocarcinoma  
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Cholangiocarcinoma starts in the bile duct, a thin  
4 tube, about 4 to 5 inches long, that reaches from the liver to the  
5 small intestine. The major function of the bile duct is to move a  
6 fluid called bile from the liver and gallbladder to the small  
7 intestine, where it helps digest the fats in food; and

8           Whereas, There are three types of cholangiocarcinoma:  
9 intrahepatic, extrahepatic, and perihilar. The mortality rate of  
10 this disease has increased dramatically in the last decade; and

1           Whereas, An estimated 10,000 people in the United States  
2 develop cholangiocarcinoma each year and almost two out of three  
3 people with cholangiocarcinoma are sixty-five or older when it is  
4 found: and

5           Whereas, The chances of survival for patients with bile duct  
6 cancer depends to a large extent on its location and how advanced  
7 it is when it is found; and

8           Whereas, Patients are typically diagnosed at a late stage due  
9 to no validated early method of detection. Symptoms of jaundice,  
10 abdominal pain, itchy skin, and weight loss are symptoms that do  
11 not usually present till advanced disease progression; and

12           Whereas, Cholangiocarcinoma is a rare cancer. Of the top eight  
13 deadliest cancers, seven are rare. Rare cancers have a 5-year  
14 survival rate under fifty percent with the cholangiocarcinoma 5-  
15 year survival rate being approximately twenty percent; and

16           Whereas, There is currently no cure for  
17 cholangiocarcinoma/bile duct cancer; and

18           Whereas, Founded in 2006, in Salt Lake City, Utah, by a family  
19 who lost a loved one to cholangiocarcinoma, the Cholangiocarcinoma  
20 Foundation has grown to become the leading global resource in  
21 research, education, and public awareness; and

22           Whereas, Foundations, research and teaching hospitals, rare  
23 cancer advocacy groups, and patient advocacy groups from around the  
24 globe have joined forces to recognize February as  
25 Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness Month; and

26           Whereas, Increased cholangiocarcinoma advocacy, awareness,  
27 research, and education will bring improved outcomes for patients  
28 in earlier detection and treatment and potential curative methods;

29           Whereas, The U.S. Food & Drug Administration has approved new

1 treatments creating a new standard of care for cholangiocarcinoma  
2 patients with the combination of immunotherapy and chemotherapy;  
3 and

4       Whereas, This body encourages all citizens to educate  
5 themselves about the disease by visiting [cholangiocarcinoma.org](http://cholangiocarcinoma.org) and  
6 signing a pledge to help raise awareness in support of  
7 Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness Month, and encourages the state of  
8 Michigan to remain committed to the continued support of research  
9 for treatment and a cure of cholangiocarcinoma, now, therefore, be  
10 it

11       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
12 this legislative body declare February 2024 as Cholangiocarcinoma  
13 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize all patients  
14 and caregivers impacted by the rare, lethal cancer.