

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 250

Reps. Rogers, Conlin, Brabec, Farhat, MacDonell, Wozniak, Bezotte, McKinney, Paiz, Herzberg, McFall, Hood, Rheingans and Puri offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare May 2024 as Asthma and Allergy  
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Approximately 4.5 million children in the United  
4 States currently have asthma; and

5           Whereas, Over 27 million people in the United States, have  
6 asthma and the numbers are increasing each year; and

7           Whereas, Over 1 million adults and children in Michigan have  
8 asthma; and

9           Whereas, Asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable  
10 diseases among children; and

1           Whereas, Nearly 1.5 million individuals per year visit  
2 emergency departments because of asthma's effects; and

3           Whereas, Asthma is a leading cause of hospitalizations and  
4 school absences due to a chronic disease among children; and

5           Whereas, The total economic cost of asthma in the United  
6 States was \$81,900,000,000 per year from 2008 to 2013; and

7           Whereas, Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous individuals in the  
8 United States face the highest burden of asthma; and

9           Whereas, Asthma is a manageable disease that claimed the lives  
10 of over 3,500 Americans in 2021, including 94 people in Michigan;  
11 and

12           Whereas, People with asthma and food allergies need access to  
13 affordable health insurance and to the medications and devices they  
14 need at affordable prices; and

15           Whereas, Over 20 million people in the United States have food  
16 allergies, including about 4,300,000 children; and

17           Whereas, Food allergy has increased among U.S. children over  
18 the past 20 years, with the greatest increase in Black children;  
19 and

20           Whereas, Children with food allergies are two to four times  
21 more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases; and

22           Whereas, May is an appropriate month to designate as "Asthma  
23 and Allergy Awareness Month; now, therefore, be it

24           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
25 this legislative body declare May 2024 as Asthma and Allergy  
26 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize residents  
27 who live with asthma and allergies and to be compassionate of those  
28 living with these conditions.