

Rep. Steil offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 381.

A resolution memorializing June 28, 2008, as Epilepsy Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders affect over 2.7 million Americans, including more than 100,000 Michigan residents; and

Whereas, As one of the most common neurological disorders diagnosed in children under the age of two and adults over the age of 65, more than 200,000 new cases of epilepsy are treated each year due to a recognized seizure; and

Whereas, Though the origin of epilepsy in patients can be traced to head injury, stroke, birth defect, genetic predisposition, brain tumor, viral infections and other factors, nearly 70% of all cases have no apparent cause; and

Whereas, The diagnosis of epilepsy can lead to prejudice in the work place, educational arena, and private life, producing a feeling of seclusion for those living with this devastating disorder; and

Whereas, Increased public education and community awareness can dispel the common misunderstandings regarding seizures and their affects; and

Whereas, Epilepsy Awareness Day seeks to shed light on this neurological disorder, allowing those who suffer the opportunity to live full and active lives without the threat of isolation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate June 28, 2008, as Epilepsy Awareness Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further;

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Epilepsy Awareness Foundation of West Michigan in recognition of the Epilepsy Walk held in Grand Rapids.