

Substitute for House Resolution No. 252.

A resolution to declare April 1-7, 2016, as Testicular Cancer Awareness Week in the state of Michigan

Whereas, Testicular cancer is most common in males age 15-35, although it can occur at any age; and

Whereas, Seventy-nine percent of cases of testicular cancer occur in men under the age of 45, an age in which young men are least likely to be thinking they are vulnerable to cancer; and

Whereas, One in 250 males will be diagnosed with testicular cancer in their lifetime; and

Whereas, One male in the United States is diagnosed each hour and on average more than one male dies each day from testicular cancer; and

Whereas, The rates of testicular cancer have been increasing for the past four decades; and

Whereas, The occupational incidence of testicular cancer amongst firefighters is almost 50% higher than the general population according to the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer; and

Whereas, Early detection and treatment at early stages leads to an almost 100% cure rate; and

Whereas, Late stage diagnosis leads to higher treatment burdens and unnecessary deaths; and

Whereas, Monthly testicular self-exams may lead to early detection and treatment; and

Whereas, Men cured of testicular cancer can go on to lead long and healthy lives; and

Whereas, Testicular cancer not only affects men but also affects their family and friends; and

Whereas, Testicular Cancer Awareness Week will encourage men to discuss testicular cancer with their healthcare provider; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 1-7-, 2016, as Testicular Cancer Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We honor all those we have lost and we redouble our efforts to beat testicular cancer once and for all. Together, with our advocates, medical researchers, health care providers, and all those who have been touched by cancer, let us resolve to continue our work toward a future where testicular cancer is no longer a killer.