

Substitute for House Resolution No. 256.

A resolution to declare March 2016 as Brain Injury Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Brain injury and specifically, traumatic brain injury (TBI) has become recognized in recent years as one of the most significant chronic disease conditions that can potentially impact nearly every Michigan resident; and

Whereas, Approximately 2.5 million Americans sustain a TBI each year that results in 52,000 deaths; and

Whereas, Each year, 58,500 Michigan residents sustain a traumatic brain injury. It is estimated that over 98,000 Michigan residents currently live with disabilities resulting from a TBI; and

Whereas, TBI's contribute to nearly a third of all injury-related deaths in the United States. This public health concern ranks as the leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has attained national recognition as a leading center of excellence in the field of brain injury treatment and rehabilitation as a result of the extensive number of rehabilitation centers, medical treatment facilities, care providers, programs, and professionals specializing in brain injury across the state; and

Whereas, Most cases of traumatic brain injury are preventable and enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury is essential in injury prevention, the development of effective treatment, and securing necessary resources; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2016 as Brain Injury Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.