

SR216, As Adopted by Senate, October 18, 2016

Senator Zorn offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 216.

A resolution to commemorate the month of October as Dysautonomia Awareness Month.

Whereas, It is important for this legislative body to recognize official months that are set aside to raise awareness of serious diseases that affect citizens in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Dysautonomia is a serious neurological system disease that disables citizens of every age, gender, and race from performing the most basic functions; and

Whereas, People with dysautonomia may have one or several different medical conditions that affect automatic functions of the body, such as heart rate, kidney function, and temperature control; and

Whereas, Certain forms of dysautonomia include side effects, such as frequent fainting, dizziness, shortness of breath, difficulty eating and sleeping, and sometimes leads to death; and

Whereas, Dysautonomia can occur secondary to other medical conditions, such as diabetes, arthritis, and Parkinson's disease; and

Whereas, Symptoms of dysautonomia are usually invisible to the untrained eye, for they usually occur internally; and

Whereas, Many people who have dysautonomia take a year or longer to get diagnosed and are occasionally misdiagnosed due to the lack of external symptoms and awareness; and

Whereas, Despite the lack of awareness, dysautonomia is not rare. In fact, over 70 million people worldwide live with some form of this medical condition; and

Whereas, There currently is no cure to dysautonomia; and

Whereas, Dysautonomia Awareness Month is an opportunity for citizens to raise understanding and funding to assist the fight in finding a cure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate the month of October as Dysautonomia Awareness Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That all citizens are encouraged to increase their understanding and awareness of dysautonomia; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health and Human Services.