

Senator Casperson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 207.

A resolution to declare September 2016 as Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Pulmonary fibrosis is a debilitating and ultimately fatal condition that causes progressive scarring in the lungs with no known cure available; and

Whereas, Many cases of pulmonary fibrosis are misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed; and

Whereas, The symptoms of pulmonary fibrosis vary from person to person and include shortness of breath, a dry cough, fatigue, weight loss, and aching muscles and joints; and

Whereas, Volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life for individuals with pulmonary fibrosis and the families of those individuals; and

Whereas, Developing more effective treatments for pulmonary fibrosis and providing access to quality care to individuals with pulmonary fibrosis requires increased research, education, and community support services; and

Whereas, The average survival rate is 3 to 5 years after diagnosis. Approximately every passing 13 minutes, pulmonary fibrosis. claims one life like that of Mary Ann Nord, who lost her life to the disease after a courageous fight and for whom this resolution is offered in her honor; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body declare September 2016 as Pulmonary Fibrosis Month in the state of Michigan.