

SR160, As Adopted by Senate, April 26, 2018

Senators Warren, Gregory, Hopgood, Kowall, Brandenburg, Hansen and Marleau offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 160.

A resolution to express support for efforts to raise awareness of the fight against cancer.

Whereas, Cancer is one of the major public health threats facing our state and nation. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, and a person has a 1 in 3 chance of developing cancer; and

Whereas, More than 57,000 Michiganders will receive the news that they have been diagnosed with cancer in 2018. Cancer patients face countless challenges associated with their diagnoses, including physical, emotional, financial, and daily challenges; and

Whereas, There is a continued need to raise awareness of this disease, share information on ways to reduce the risk of cancer, and support the efforts to find a cure. The American Cancer Society, its partners, and similar organizations help meet these needs by helping people stay well, finding cures, and fighting this disease; and

Whereas, The Coaches vs. Cancer Program is an example of the collaborative efforts to fight against cancer. This nationwide partnership between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches works to leverage the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of coaches nationwide to increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living. Through efforts like the Coaches vs. Cancer "Suits and Sneakers" event, where Michigan coaches join with their fellow coaches nationwide by wearing sneakers with their game attire while coaching games, this program raises awareness about the fight against cancer and shares the importance of nutrition and physical activity in reducing one's cancer risk. Since 1993, coaches and their supporters have raised more than \$87 million for services and programs available to fight cancer; and

Whereas, Partnerships like Coaches vs. Cancer are needed now more than ever to raise awareness of the ways to reduce the risk of cancer. Such endeavors must continue to be supported so that one day cancer will be eliminated as a major public health issue; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we support efforts to raise awareness of the fight against cancer.