

Rep. Tedder offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 269.

A resolution to declare March 2018 as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Amyloidosis, a rare disease of which there are several types, one of which is a blood disorder, another that is commonly inherited, and one seen mainly in elderly gentleman. This combination of all types of amyloidosis is diagnosed in approximately 7,000 people each year in the United States; and

Whereas, An abnormal protein either produced in the bone marrow or liver travels through the blood stream depositing amyloid in various organs, individually or in combination, causing organs to fail over time; and

Whereas, The medial length of survival for an amyloidosis patient without treatment is less than three years. Many patients go undiagnosed every year. We believe this resolution can raise awareness and save lives; and

Whereas, There have been advances in the treatment of amyloidosis that affords that life expectancy is extended, but currently there are no drugs approved for the treatment of amyloidosis; and

Whereas, The early diagnosis of amyloidosis in conjunction with prompt treatments not only improves the quality of life, but extends life expectancy; and

Whereas, There are a limited number of amyloidosis treatment centers in the United States. Michigan is fortunate to have one at the Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2018 as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.