

Reps. LaFave, Allor, Calley, Cochran, Crawford, Faris, Gay-Dagnogo, Greimel, Green, Hoadley, Howrylak, Kelly, Kesto, Liberati, Maturen, Sneller, Theis, Wittenberg, Yanez and Zemke offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 282.

A resolution to declare March 21, 2018, as World Down Syndrome Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The 21st day of March has been declared World Down Syndrome day by the United Nations General Assembly since December 2011; and

Whereas, Approximately one in every 691 children are born with Down syndrome, representing approximately 150 births per year in Michigan and 5,000 per year in the United States; and

Whereas, The number of babies born with Down syndrome has increased by 30 percent over the past 50 years; and

Whereas, While research and early intervention have resulted in dramatic improvements in the lifespan and potential of those who are affected, more investigation is needed in the causes and treatment of Down syndrome; and

Whereas, People with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities and are active participants in educational, occupational, social, and recreational circles of the community; and

Whereas, The observation of World Down Syndrome Day is important in raising public awareness to Down syndrome, creating a single voice of avocation of rights, inclusion and well-being; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 21, 2018, as World Down Syndrome Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize this as an occasion to be celebrated by persons with Down syndrome, their families, friends, those who live and work with them and all persons who want to promote quality of life for all persons with Down syndrome.