

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.183

Reps. Brixie, Bolden, Clemente, Garza, Green, Hertel, Kennedy, Lasinski, Leutheuser, Liberati, Love, Pagan, Sabo, Sowerby, Stone, Warren, Wittenberg and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 15, 2019, as Pregnancy Loss
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, According to the Mayo Clinic, about 10 to 20 percent
4 of known pregnancies end in miscarriage; and

5 Whereas, The National Center for Health Statistics estimates
6 there are more than 1 million fetal losses per year in the United
7 States. The vast majority of these losses occur before 20 weeks of
8 gestation; and

9 Whereas, According to the Center for Disease Control and
10 Prevention, stillbirth affects about 1 percent of all pregnancies
11 in the United States and there were approximately 24,000



1 stillbirths reported in 2018; and

2 Whereas, The availability of information and support is of the
3 utmost importance to the women and families who experience
4 miscarriage or other types of pregnancy loss to better help them
5 cope; and

6 Whereas, A public that is informed and educated about
7 miscarriage or pregnancy loss can better learn how to respond with
8 compassion to affected families. Professionals who come in contact
9 with families who have suffered miscarriage or pregnancy loss, such
10 as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral
11 directors, police officers, public health nurses, educators and
12 employers, can better serve families if they have better knowledge
13 of miscarriage or pregnancy loss; and

14 Whereas, Pregnancy Loss Awareness Day was created to recognize
15 the grief of the families, to remember all of the pregnancies lost,
16 and to increase awareness about pregnancy loss. This day will help
17 to heal and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache,
18 give the families hope for the future, and help women and families
19 understand and process their experience; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
21 this legislative body declare October 15, 2019, as Pregnancy Loss
22 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize the grief of
23 the families who have experienced miscarriage or pregnancy loss
24 and wish to help heal and comfort these families in a time of pain
25 and heartache, to give the families hope for the future, and to
26 assist women and families across the state in understanding their
27 experience.