

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.285

Reps. Eisen, Miller, Cherry, Garza, Haadsma, Hertel, Koleszar, Leutheuser, Sabo, Sneller, Warren and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare July 22, 2020, as Fragile X Awareness
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Fragile X syndrome is the most common cause of
4 inherited intellectual disability and the most common known genetic
5 cause of autism or autism spectrum disorders; and

6 Whereas, Over 1.5 million Americans are carriers of a fragile
7 X mutation and thus have, or are at risk for developing, a fragile
8 X-associated disorder, and over 100,000 Americans have fragile X
9 syndrome; and

10 Whereas, Fragile X disorders are also associated with
11 tremor/ataxia syndrome, causing tremors, balance deficiencies, and



1 memory problems, ovarian insufficiency, causing reduced fertility
2 or infertility, menstrual deficiencies, and early menopause; and

3 Whereas, Fragile X is a powerful research model for
4 neuropsychiatric disorders, such as autism, schizophrenia,
5 pervasive developmental disorders, and similar conditions including
6 Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, reproductive problems in women, and other
7 genetically-based medical conditions; and

8 Whereas, Although the genetic defect causing fragile X has
9 been discovered and is easily identified by DNA testing, fragile X
10 frequently goes undetected due to its recent discovery and the lack
11 of awareness about the syndrome, even within the medical community;
12 and

13 Whereas, Raising awareness of fragile X with the public and
14 the medical community will help patients with the fragile X gene
15 make better informed medical decisions and help those living with
16 fragile x syndrome to adapt into society and provide significant
17 contributions towards better understanding autism and other fragile
18 X-associated conditions; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare July 22, 2020, as Fragile X Awareness
21 Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage all Michiganders to work
22 together to raise awareness of the need for early diagnosis and
23 treatment for the disorder as well as continued research to find a
24 cure.