

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46

Reps. Thanedar, Hertel, Hammoud, Cavanagh, Steckloff, Weiss, Puri, Brixie, Lasinski, O'Neal, Whiteford, Rendon, Yaroach, Breen, Haadsma, Hope, Liberati, Morse, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 2021 as Brain Injury Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, According to the federal Centers for Disease Control
4 and Prevention (CDC), 1.5 million Americans sustain a traumatic
5 brain injury (TBI) each year, and over 50,000 of those individuals
6 die as a result of these injuries. In Michigan alone, 58,500 will
7 sustain a TBI per year; and

8 Whereas, The costs relating to brain injury are staggering,
9 and individuals with severe brain injury can typically face life-

1 long disabilities, even after rehabilitation. The CDC also
2 estimates that cumulative costs exceed \$60 billion annually; and

3 Whereas, Individuals with severe brain injury suffer from
4 serious physical impairments and a variety of perceptual,
5 cognitive, psychiatric, emotional, and behavioral complications,
6 including impaired interpersonal and problem solving skills, memory
7 loss, decreased thought processing abilities, speech and seizure
8 disorders, and physical deficits; and

9 Whereas, The only cure for brain injury is prevention and
10 public awareness is critical to the prevention of brain injury and
11 to enhancing the recovery process of all individuals affected by
12 TBI; and

13 Whereas, The Brain Injury Association of Michigan is a
14 statewide membership organization dedicated to providing
15 prevention, research, education, advocacy, and support services to
16 all individuals affected by brain injury and to the general public;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare March 2021 as Brain Injury Awareness
20 Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage public officials and
21 the citizens of Michigan to observe the month with appropriate
22 activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of,
23 and ways of preventing, brain injuries.