

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.296

Reps. Ellison, Mueller, Hall, Beeler, Koleszar, Neeley, Sneller, Cherry, Cavanagh, Stone, Kuppa, Yancey, Glanville, Haadsma, Hertel, Hood, Hope, Lightner, Morse, Rogers, Sabo, Shannon, Sowerby, Steenland, Thanedar, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2022 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease affecting
4 approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States; and

5 Whereas CF is a common autosomal recessive inherited disease,
6 with a carrier rate of 1 in 29 among Caucasians and 1 in 65 among
7 African Americans; and

8 Whereas, A defective gene causes the body to produce an

1 abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs. These
2 secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct
3 the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the
4 intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

5 Whereas, More than 10 million Americans are symptomless
6 carriers of the defective cystic fibrosis gene; and

7 Whereas, There are approximately 1,000 people in Michigan
8 living with the disease. The median age of survival for a person
9 with cystic fibrosis is 50 years; and

10 Whereas, Infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is
11 the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons
12 likely to have CF. Early diagnosis of cystic fibrosis permits early
13 treatment and enhances quality of life and longevity. The treatment
14 of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved.
15 A critical component of treating patients with cystic fibrosis
16 includes access to innovative treatments, which can play a critical
17 role in the lives of patients; and

18 Whereas, Michigan has the second CF Task Force in the country
19 that raises awareness and advocates for people with CF. Michigan-
20 based non-profit advocacy groups, such as the Rock CF Foundation,
21 the Bonnell Foundation: Living with Cystic Fibrosis, and Hunt for a
22 Cure raise awareness and funds to assist the CF community. The CF
23 Foundations local chapter continues to raise much needed funds for
24 research and medications; and

25 Whereas, Michigan also has eight cystic fibrosis care centers:
26 Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University Harper
27 University Hospital, Helen DeVos Women and Children's Center,
28 Spectrum Health Adult Cystic Fibrosis Care Center, Michigan State
29 University Pediatric, University of Michigan Pediatric and Adult,

1 Hurley Children's Clinic at Mott Children's Health Center, and
2 Western Michigan University School of Medicine Clinics. Toledo,
3 Ohio is also home to the Toledo Children's Hospital and Northwest
4 Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Center which serve Michigan patients as well;
5 and

6 Whereas, During the month of May, cystic fibrosis chapters and
7 volunteers will come together throughout the state of Michigan to
8 raise awareness about the disease to achieve their mission of
9 curing and providing support and treatment to those with cystic
10 fibrosis; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
12 this legislative body declare May 2022 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
13 Month in the state of Michigan.