

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 70

Offered by Senators Barrett and Bayer

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE JUNE 27, 2021,
AS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY (PTSI) AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, The brave men and women of the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces risk their lives to protect the freedom of the United States and deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, More than 2,000,000 U.S. service members have deployed as part of overseas contingency operations since the events of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The military has sustained an operational tempo for a period of time unprecedented in the history of the U.S., with many service members deploying multiple times to combat zones, placing them at high risk of PTSI; and

WHEREAS, It is expected that ten thousand veterans will return to the state of Michigan every year for the next three to five years after spending a significant amount of time in combat environments, exposing thousands of soldiers to traumatic life threatening events; and

WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2012, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reported that more than 500,000 veterans from all wars who sought care at a Department of Veterans Affairs medical center received treatment for PTSI; and

WHEREAS, PTSI significantly increases the risk of depression, suicide, and drug or alcohol-related disorders and deaths; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Michigan corrections professionals who perform a critical and dangerous job protecting the public suffer health detriments due to high stress and potentially traumatic occupational experiences. Recent studies have shown that nearly 33.7 percent of surveyed corrections officers are estimated to be PTSI positive in this state; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs have made significant advances in the causes, symptoms, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of PTSI. However, many challenges remain; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in Michigan raises public awareness about issues related to PTSI; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body commemorate June 27, 2021, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and the Adjutant General to continue working to educate service members, veterans, the families of service members and veterans, and the public about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of PTSI; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the state of Michigan.

Adopted by the Senate, June 24, 2021.



Secretary of the Senate