

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.296

Reps. Ellison, Mueller, Hall, Beeler, Koleszar, Neeley, Sneller, Cherry, Cavanagh, Stone, Kuppa and Yancey 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  
9       abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs. These  
10      secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct

1 the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the  
2 intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

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

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

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

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

23       Whereas, Michigan also has eight cystic fibrosis care centers:  
24 Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University Harper  
25 University Hospital, Helen DeVos Women and Children's Center,  
26 Spectrum Health Adult Cystic Fibrosis Care Center, Michigan State  
27 University Pediatric, University of Michigan Pediatric and Adult,  
28 Hurley Children's Clinic at Mott Children's Health Center, and  
29 Western Michigan University School of Medicine Clinics. Toledo,

1 Ohio is also home to the Toledo Children's Hospital and Northwest  
2 Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Center which serve Michigan patients as well;  
3 and

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

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