

Rep. Brown offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 73.

A resolution to declare the week of May 8 through May 14, 2011, as Food Allergy Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about food allergies and anaphylaxis; and

Whereas, Each year, over 50,000 visits to the emergency room and hundreds of deaths are caused by food allergies; and

Whereas, It is estimated that approximately 12 million Americans have food allergies with 3 million being children; and

Whereas, Anaphylaxis is a systemic allergic reaction that involves the skin, respiratory tract, and cardiovascular system; and

Whereas, Eight foods account for 90 percent of all food-allergic reactions in the U.S.: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (e.g., walnuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios, pecans), wheat, soy, fish, and shellfish; and

Whereas, Even trace amounts of a food allergen can cause a reaction; and

Whereas, Food allergies are life-altering for everyone involved and require constant vigilance; and

Whereas, FAAN created Food Allergy Awareness Week in 1997 to educate others about food allergies; and

Whereas, This year's theme is "Be a FAAN Hero"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare the week of May 8 through May 14, 2011, as Food Allergy Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.