

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.291

Reps. Wittenberg, Green and Sabo offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare July 22, 2020 as Glioblastoma
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Brain Tumors, specifically Glioblastoma, have become
4 recognized in recent years as one of the deadliest cancers; and

5 Whereas, Glioblastoma is the most common cancerous brain tumor
6 accounting for 48 percent of all primary malignant brain tumors;
7 and

8 Whereas, Glioblastoma is the most aggressive, complex and
9 deadly type of brain tumor; and

10 Whereas, Glioblastoma continues to be one of the most
11 difficult cancers to detect in the early stages of the disease,
12 which contributes to high mortality rates. There are an estimated



1 400 new diagnoses of Glioblastoma in Michigan in 2020; and

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3 Whereas, The 5-year survival rate for a glioblastoma patient
4 is only 6.8 percent and the average length of survival for
5 glioblastoma patients is estimated to be only 12-18 months; and

6 Whereas, Relative to other types of cancers, brain cancer has
7 one of the highest per-patient cost of care with an annualized mean
8 net cost of care approaching \$150,000 US dollars and the highest
9 annualized mean net costs for last-year-of-life care with a cost of
10 between \$135,000 and \$210,000 per patient depending on the age and
11 gender of the patient; and

12 Whereas, More than any other cancer, brain tumors can have
13 lasting and life-altering physical, cognitive, and psychological
14 impacts on a patient's life; and

15 Whereas, The state of Michigan has attained national
16 recognition as a leading center of excellence in the field of brain
17 tumor treatment and research as a result of the number of patients
18 traveling to Michigan for clinical trial participation, grant
19 dollars locally used to create jobs, and professionals specializing
20 in brain tumors across the state; and

21 Whereas, Michigan is proud to be home to high level brain
22 cancer centers such as the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at Henry
23 Ford Hospital and Rogel Cancer Center at University of Michigan. We
24 encourage Michigan residents to continue to be vigilant and
25 proactive when it comes to their healthcare; and

26 Whereas, Although Glioblastoma was first described in medical
27 and scientific literature in the 1920s, and despite its devastating
28 prognosis, only 4 drugs and one medical device have been approved
29 by the FDA to treat glioblastoma since 1920 and the mortality rates

1 associated with Glioblastoma have changed little during the past 30
2 years; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the House of
4 Representatives and the members of this legislative body designate
5 July 22, 2020 as Glioblastoma Awareness Day in the state of
6 Michigan. We support the goals of Glioblastoma Awareness Day,
7 encourage efforts to increase awareness of and education about
8 Glioblastoma among the general public of Michigan and recognize the
9 need for additional research into diagnosis, screening and
10 treatments for brain tumors. We honor the individuals who have
11 lost their lives to Glioblastoma or are currently living with it;
12 we support efforts to develop better treatments for Glioblastoma
13 that will improve the long-term prognosis of individuals diagnosed
14 with Glioblastoma; We express support for the individuals who are
15 battling brain tumors as well as families, friends, and caregivers
16 of those individuals and urge a collaborative approach to brain
17 tumor research which is a promising means of advancing the
18 understanding and treatment of Glioblastoma.