

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 317

Reps. Griffin, Alexander, Whiteford, Lightner, Hall, Allor, LaFave, Wozniak, Afendoulis, Albert, Bellino, Berman, Bolden, Bollin, Brann, Brixie, Byrd, Calley, Camilleri, Brenda Carter, Tyrone Carter, Cherry, Chirkun, Clemente, Coleman, Crawford, Eisen, Elder, Ellison, Farrington, Filler, Frederick, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Green, Greig, Haadsma, Hammoud, Hauck, Hertel, Hoadley, Hoitenga, Hood, Hope, Howell, Huizenga, Cynthia Johnson, Jones, Kahle, Kennedy, Koleszar, Kuppa, Lasinski, Leutheuser, Lilly, Lower, Maddock, Meerman, Miller, Mueller, Cynthia Neeley, O'Malley, Pagan, Paquette, Peterson, Pohutsky, Rabhi, Rendon, Sabo, Schroeder, Shannon, Slagh, Sneller, Sowerby, Stone, VanSingel, VanWoerkom, Vaupel, Wakeman, Warren, Wendzel, Whitsett, Witwer, Yancey and Yaroch offered the following resolution:



1 A resolution to declare October 15, 2020, as Pregnancy and
2 Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Each year, approximately one million pregnancies in
4 the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a
5 newborn baby. It is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child.
6 Babies sometimes live within or outside their mothers' wombs for
7 only a short period of time. Even the shortest lives are still
8 valuable and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives
9 should not be trivialized; and

10 Whereas, The observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss
11 Remembrance Day may provide validation to those who have lost a
12 baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death; and

13 Whereas, A public that is informed and educated about
14 miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss can better learn how to
15 respond with compassion to affected families. Professionals who
16 come in contact with families who have suffered such losses, such
17 as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral
18 directors, police officers, public health nurses, educators, and
19 employers, can better serve families if they have better knowledge
20 of pregnancy and infant loss; and

21 Whereas, Recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
22 will provide the people of the state of Michigan with an
23 opportunity to increase their understanding of the great tragedy
24 involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies; and

25 Whereas, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day will
26 enable the people of Michigan to consider how, as individuals and
27 communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers,
28 and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths,
29 now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare October 15, 2020, as Pregnancy and
3 Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan. We support
4 the goals and ideals of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss
5 Remembrance Day; and be it further

6 Resolved, That we recognize the grief of the families who have
7 experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss and wish to
8 help heal and comfort these families in a time of pain and
9 heartache, to give the families hope for the future, and to assist
10 women and families across the state in understanding their
11 experience.