

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.183

Rep. Brixie offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare October 15, 2019, as Pregnancy Loss  
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, According to the Mayo Clinic, about 10 to 20 percent  
4 of known pregnancies end in miscarriage; and

5       Whereas, The National Center for Health Statistics estimates  
6 there are more than 1 million fetal losses per year in the United  
7 States. The vast majority of these losses occur before 20 weeks of  
8 gestation; and

9       Whereas, According to the Center for Disease Control and  
10 Prevention, stillbirth affects about 1 percent of all pregnancies  
11 in the United States and there were approximately 24,000  
12 stillbirths reported in 2018; and

13       Whereas, The availability of information and support is of the



1 utmost importance to the women and families who experience  
2 miscarriage or other types of pregnancy loss to better help them  
3 cope; and

4       Whereas, A public that is informed and educated about  
5 miscarriage or pregnancy loss can better learn how to respond with  
6 compassion to affected families. Professionals who come in contact  
7 with families who have suffered miscarriage or pregnancy loss, such  
8 as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral  
9 directors, police officers, public health nurses, educators and  
10 employers, can better serve families if they have better knowledge  
11 of miscarriage or pregnancy loss; and

12       Whereas, Pregnancy Loss Awareness Day was created to recognize  
13 the grief of the families, to remember all of the pregnancies lost,  
14 and to increase awareness about pregnancy loss. This day will help  
15 to heal and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache,  
16 give the families hope for the future, and help women and families  
17 understand and process their experience; now, therefore, be it

18       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
19 this legislative body declare October 15, 2019, as Pregnancy Loss  
20 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize the grief of  
21 the families who have experienced miscarriage or pregnancy loss  
22 and wish to help heal and comfort these families in a time of pain  
23 and heartache, to give the families hope for the future, and to  
24 assist women and families across the state in understanding their  
25 experience.