

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.291

Rep. Wittenberg 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  
13 400 new diagnoses of Glioblastoma in Michigan in 2020; and



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

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

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

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

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

25       Whereas, Although Glioblastoma was first described in medical  
26 and scientific literature in the 1920s, and despite its devastating  
27 prognosis, only 4 drugs and one medical device have been approved  
28 by the FDA to treat glioblastoma since 1920 and the mortality rates  
29 associated with Glioblastoma have changed little during the past 30

1 years; now, therefore, be it

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