

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 236

Reps. Kahle, Bezotte, Ellison, Haadsma, Rabhi, Sabo, Sneller, Steenland and Thanedar offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 23, 2022, as Scoliosis
2 Screening Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, It is important to increase the public's awareness of
4 scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and health care
5 providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of
6 spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and

7 Whereas, Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, is a
8 condition affecting an estimated six to nine million Americans, and
9 can strike regardless of gender, race, age, or economic status; and

10 Whereas, Scoliosis patients make more than 600,000 visits to
11 health providers yearly, with approximately 30% of patients

1 requiring bracing, and 10% requiring surgery; and

2 Whereas, The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten
3 and 15 years old, with females being up to eight times more likely
4 to progress to a curve magnitude that would require treatment; and

5 Whereas, Screening programs are quick, unobtrusive, and allow
6 for early detection and treatment opportunities which may alleviate
7 the worst effects of the condition; and

8 Whereas, This day is designated to raise awareness of
9 scoliosis screening, provide support to those who are diagnosed
10 with this condition, and to recognize the need for increased
11 research and funding to improve treatment; now, therefore, be it

12 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
13 this legislative body declare February 23, 2022, as Scoliosis
14 Screening Awareness Day in Michigan.