

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 352

Reps. Bolden, Breen, Cherry, Clemente, Garza, Haadsma, Hope, Kuppa, Liberati, Manoogian, Morse, Rabhi, Rogers, Sneller, Steenland, Stone and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare October 2022 as Uterine Fibroids  
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Fibroids may cause significant morbidity through  
4 their presence in the uterus and pelvic cavity, causing significant  
5 pelvic pain, abnormal uterine bleeding, reproductive dysfunction,  
6 miscarriages, and even infertility; and

7           Whereas, The pain, discomfort, stress, and other physical and  
8 emotional symptoms of living with fibroids may significantly  
9 interfere with a woman's quality of life, compromising her ability  
10 to function normal, work, or care for her family, and may lead to

1 more severe health and wellness issues; and

2       Whereas, Uterine fibroids are the most prevalent medical  
3 condition affecting women, with an estimated 30 percent of women  
4 developing a uterine fibroid by age 35 and 80 percent of women  
5 developing a uterine fibroid by age 50; and

6       Whereas, The exact number of affected women is unknown, as  
7 early detection and diagnosis are difficult because only 1 out of 4  
8 women who have uterine fibroid exhibit symptoms severe enough to  
9 require treatment; and

10       Whereas, The overall incidence of uterine fibroids is  
11 estimated to disproportionately impact Black and Hispanic women,  
12 who also experience more severe symptoms, resulting in an incidence  
13 rate that is 3 times greater in women with Black ancestry and 2  
14 times greater in Hispanic women compared to Caucasian women; and

15       Whereas, A hysterectomy, or removal of the uterus, is among  
16 the most common surgical treatments for uterine fibroids. More than  
17 200,000 hysterectomies are performed each year to treat uterine  
18 fibroids, at an estimated annual cost of more than \$2,000,000,000;  
19 and

20       Whereas, Uterine fibroids have been estimated to cost the  
21 United States \$5,900,000 to \$34,400,000,000 annually with an  
22 estimated annual lost work cost of \$1,600,000,000 to  
23 \$17,200,000,000 through absenteeism and short-term disability in  
24 women ages 25 to 54; and

25       Whereas, Public awareness and education campaigns on uterine  
26 fibroids prevention, screening, and symptoms are held during the  
27 month of September each year; now, therefore, be it

28       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
29 this legislative body declare October 2022 as Uterine Fibroids

1 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the  
2 disparity in incidence rates for Black and Hispanic uterine fibroid  
3 patients and urge greater research, treatment, and care options  
4 regarding uterine leiomyoma.