

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.178

Reps. Bolden, Aiyash, Breen, Tyrone Carter, Cherry, Garza, Haadsma, Hope, Kuppa, Manoogian, Morse, Peterson, Pohutsky, Rabhi, Rogers, Sneller, Sowerby, Steenland, Thanedar, Weiss and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare October 2021 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

1 to function normal, work, or care for her family and may lead to  
2 more severe health and wellness issues; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1   this legislative body declare October 2021 as Uterine Fibroids  
2   Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the  
3   disparity in incidence rates for Black and Hispanic uterine fibroid  
4   patients and urge greater research, treatment, and care options  
5   regarding uterine leiomyoma.