

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.150

Rep. Brabec offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare August 2021 as Minority Donor
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Donor and recipient matches are most commonly found
4 among members of the same ethnicity, and where experts believe the
5 chance for longer-term survival for transplants may be greater
6 among donors and recipients of the same genetic background; and

7 Whereas, The need for organ transplant is significant among
8 minority communities because of disproportionately higher rates of
9 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and kidney failure;
10 and

11 Whereas, Nationwide over 100,000 people are currently awaiting
12 an organ transplant, 60% of which are minorities. But across the

1 country in 2020, only 46% of organ recipients and only 32% of organ
2 donors were minority people. On average nationwide, approximately
3 twenty people per day die while on the organ transplant waiting
4 list; and

5 Whereas, In Michigan approximately 2,611 people are currently
6 awaiting an organ transplant, 43% of which are minorities. But in
7 Michigan in 2020, only 29% of organ recipients and only 20% of
8 donors were minority people. In Michigan last year, approximately
9 141 people died while on the organ transplant waiting list; and

10 Whereas, The Michigan Legislature recognizes the importance of
11 educating the community about organ, eye, and tissue donation and
12 transplantation, and encouraging those in minority communities to
13 register as donors and have conversations with family and friends
14 regarding donation; and

15 Whereas, The Michigan Legislature provides acknowledgement and
16 gratitude to living and deceased minority donors of this state;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare August 2021 as Minority Donor
20 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.