

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 236

Rep. Kahle 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
12 requiring bracing, and 10% requiring surgery; and

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

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

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

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