

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.361

Reps. LaGrand, Hope, Kuppa and Haadsma offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 2022 as Childhood Grief
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, One in twenty children experience the death of a
4 parent before graduating high school; and

5 Whereas, Children old enough to love are old enough to mourn
6 the loss of a loved one; and

7 Whereas, Grieving children often feel set apart, different
8 from their peers, alone, and not understood; and

9 Whereas, Children often struggle to process grief or express
10 the emotions stemming from loss in a healthy way; and

11 Whereas, Absence of support can have a serious impact on

1 educational attainment and emotional growth, leading to future
2 difficulties in life; and

3 Whereas, Our state is fortunate to have organizations with
4 talented professionals and volunteers who focus on childhood grief,
5 providing emotional support, coping mechanisms, and the foundation
6 to process grief from the loss of a loved one; and

7 Whereas, This November, as the holiday season approaches and
8 existing grief is often intensified, organizations like these,
9 alongside Michigan parents and children, will come together to
10 demonstrate the need for greater awareness of childhood grief, and
11 encourage the rest of our state to prioritize supporting
12 organizations and actors that commit themselves to this cause; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
15 this legislative body declare November 2022 as Childhood Grief
16 Awareness Month.