

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

Reps. MacDonell, Wegela, Morgan, McFall, Grant, Stone, Conlin, Hood, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Jaime Greene, Haadsma, Hoskins, McFall, Morse and Rogers offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare April 2023 as Sjogren's Awareness  
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Sjogren's syndrome is a systemic autoimmune disease  
4 that affects the whole body. While its most common symptoms are dry  
5 eyes and dry mouth, its symptoms can also include profound fatigue,  
6 chronic pain, and neuropathies; and

7           Whereas, Primary Sjogren's means someone has only the  
8 syndrome. Secondary Sjogren's occurs as a comorbidity with other  
9 immune disorders such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE),  
10 rheumatoid arthritis (RA), or scleroderma; and

11           Whereas, Sjogren's can cause dry eyes, dry mouth, cavities,

1 chronic oral thrush, and other symptoms; and

2       Whereas, Four million Americans have Sjogren's. The condition  
3 can be challenging for both patients and physicians. Since most of  
4 its symptoms are invisible, many people living with Sjogren's  
5 report that their experiences with the syndrome are not taken  
6 seriously. Early diagnosis and treatment are key to preventing  
7 severe complications; and

8       Whereas, Michiganders living with Sjogren's or others  
9 interested in learning more about the syndrome can contact the  
10 Sjogren's Foundation to learn more; now, therefore, be it

11       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
12 this legislative body declare April 2023 as Sjogren's Awareness  
13 Month in the state of Michigan.