

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.213

Reps. Churches, Wegela, Arbit, Brabec, Breen, Byrnes, Fitzgerald, Haadsma, Hill, Hood, Hope, Morgan, Morse, Paiz, Rheingans, Weiss, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 2024 as Endometriosis Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Endometriosis is a disease of the female reproductive
4 system. Endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to that normally
5 found in the uterus begins to grow outside of the uterus, leading
6 to chronic, debilitating pelvic pain; and

7 Whereas, Endometriosis is a leading cause of female
8 infertility. Endometriosis affects 10% (approximately 190 million)
9 of women and girls in their reproductive ages, globally. There is
10 an average of a 10-year delay from the onset of symptoms to the

1 final diagnosis of endometriosis; and

2 Whereas, American endometriosis patients were hospitalized
3 105,123 days in 2010 because of their disease. Women with
4 endometriosis can lose 11 hours per work week through lost
5 productivity and absenteeism due to pain. Fifty-one percent of
6 endometriosis patients report that their condition detrimentally
7 affects their job; and

8 Whereas, The estimated total annual societal burden of
9 endometriosis-related symptoms in the U.S. is \$56 billion or
10 \$10,824 per patient; and

11 Whereas, There is no cure for endometriosis. More research is
12 necessary to develop treatment options to manage this debilitating
13 disease. Education is important for promoting awareness of symptoms
14 and early detection and diagnosis of endometriosis; and

15 Whereas, Endometriosis Awareness Month is the period of time
16 when people recognize the impact of this disease on women's health
17 and well-being and understand that more work must be done to
18 mitigate negative impacts of endometriosis; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare March 2024 as Endometriosis Awareness
21 Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the significant
22 impacts of this disease on women's health outcomes.