

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

Reps. Breen, Byrnes, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Lightner, Longjohn, MacDonell, Mentzer, Miller, Myers-Phillips, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare July 2025 as Cleft and Craniofacial
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Cleft lip and cleft palate are birth defects that
4 occur when a baby's lip or mouth do not form properly before birth.
5 Together, these birth defects are commonly called "orofacial
6 clefts" or "oral clefts" (OFCs). Affecting 1-2 per 1,000 newborns,
7 together they are among the more common birth defects and the most
8 common affecting the face; and

9 Whereas, Without proper medical intervention, the quality of
10 life for these children is negatively impacted. Children with
11 orofacial clefts frequently have problems with feeding and talking.

1 They might also have frequent ear infections, hearing loss, and
2 problems with their teeth. These children usually require one or
3 more surgeries early in life, as well as special feeding
4 techniques, orthodontic care and/or speech therapy; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body declare July 2025 as Cleft and Craniofacial
8 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.