

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

Reps. Miller, Allor, Chirkun, Clemente, Crawford, Haadsma, Hope, Liberati, Manoogian, Shannon, Sneller and Stone offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 15, 2019, as Tuberous Sclerosis
2 Complex Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, It is important to increase awareness of tuberous
4 sclerosis complex (TSC) and support programs to increase research
5 and improve treatment of tuberous sclerosis. It is also vital to
6 improve training and support for individuals with tuberous
7 sclerosis and those who care for individuals with tuberous
8 sclerosis; and

9 Whereas, The Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance is the only national
10 voluntary health organization dedicated to finding a cure for TSC
11 and improving the lives of those affected through research,



1 support, and education; and

2 Whereas, TSC affects an estimated 1 in every 6,000 live births
3 in America; and

4 Whereas, TSC affects some people severely, while others are so
5 mildly affected that it often goes undiagnosed; and

6 Whereas, People with TSC often develop epilepsy and autism. In
7 fact, TSC is one of the leading known genetic causes of epilepsy
8 and over half of those who have TSC also have autism. Many other
9 individuals encounter behavioral and learning problems. Despite
10 this, many professionals in the medical and educational fields are
11 still unaware of the best methods to diagnose and treat TSC; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
14 this legislative body declare May15, 2019, as Tuberous Sclerosis
15 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize and commend
16 the families and individuals affected by TSC for their sacrifice
17 and dedication in dealing with this devastating condition. We
18 commend them for providing the special needs of both children and
19 adults with TSC and for absorbing significant financial costs for
20 treatment and support services; and be it further

21 Resolved, That we stress the need to begin early intervention
22 services soon after a child has been diagnosed with TSC. Early
23 intervention strategies are the primary therapeutic options for
24 young people with TSC, and early intervention significantly
25 improves outcomes for people with TSC. Early intervention can
26 reduce the level of funding and services needed later in life.