

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.24

Senator Irwin offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize March 2019 as Michigan Bleeding
2 Disorders Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, Hemophilia and related bleeding disorders are genetic
4 conditions affecting thousands of people; and

5 Whereas, The standard of care for the treatment of these
6 disorders is to replace absent clotting proteins, also known as
7 clotting factors characterized by the absence of one or more of
8 several clotting proteins necessary to control bleeding; and

9 Whereas, Without treatment, people with hemophilia and other
10 related bleeding disorders face frequent, painful episodes of
11 bleeding into their joints and muscles; and

12 Whereas, Bleeding can also involve the internal organs and the

1 brain that can be life threatening; and

2 Whereas, Recurrent bleeding episodes result in frequent
3 hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic pain; and

4 Whereas, Bleeding episodes often result in lost time at work
5 and school, decreased quality of life, and the inability to perform
6 basic living activities; and

7 Whereas, Specialized care provided by Michigan's nine
8 federally recognized Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTCs) reduce
9 morbidity and mortality among people with bleeding disorders; and

10 Whereas, HTCs offer patients wrap-around care that includes a
11 variety of services, including medical, nursing, dental, social
12 work, physical therapy, and nutrition; and

13 Whereas, In 1986, President Ronald Reagan designated March as
14 Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the Senate, That we recognize March 2019 as
16 Michigan Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.