

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

Rep. Ellison offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare May 2019 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness  
2   Month in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease affecting  
4   approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States; and

5       Whereas, A defective gene causes the body to produce an  
6   abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs. These  
7   secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct  
8   the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the  
9   intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

10       Whereas, More than 10 million Americans are symptomless  
11   carriers of the defective cystic fibrosis gene; and

12       Whereas, There are approximately 1,000 people in Michigan  
13   living with the disease. The median age of survival for a person



1 with cystic fibrosis is 41.1 years; and

2       Whereas, Infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is  
3 the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons  
4 likely to have CF. Early diagnosis of cystic fibrosis permits early  
5 treatment and enhances quality of life and longevity. The treatment  
6 of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved.  
7 A critical component of treating patients with cystic fibrosis  
8 includes access to innovative treatments, which can play a critical  
9 role in the lives of patients; and

10       Whereas, Michigan has the second CF Task Force in the Country  
11 that raises awareness and advocates for people with CF. Michigan  
12 based non-profit advocacy groups such as the Rock CF Foundation,  
13 The Bonnell Foundation: Living with cystic fibrosis and Hunt for a  
14 Cure raise awareness and funds to assist the CF Community. The CF  
15 Foundations local chapter continues to raise much needed funds for  
16 research and medications; and

17       Whereas, Michigan also has eight cystic fibrosis care centers:  
18 Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University Harper  
19 University Hospital, Helen DeVos Women and Children's Center,  
20 Spectrum Health Adult Cystic Fibrosis Care Center, Michigan State  
21 University Pediatric, University of Michigan Pediatric and Adult,  
22 Hurley Children's Clinic at Mott Children's Health Center, and  
23 Western Michigan University School of Medicine Clinics. Toledo,  
24 Ohio is also home to the Toledo Children's Hospital and Northwest  
25 Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Center which serve Michigan patients as well;  
26 and

27       Whereas, During the month of May, cystic fibrosis chapters and  
28 volunteers will come together throughout the state of Michigan to  
29 raise awareness about the disease to achieve their mission of

1 curing and providing support and treatment to those with cystic  
2 fibrosis; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
4 this legislative body declare May 2019 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness  
5 Month in the state of Michigan.