

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.132

Reps. Eisen, Hauck, Wozniak, Green, Markkanen, Frederick, Berman, Maddock, Reilly, Leutheuser, Bollin, Mueller, Kahle, Huizenga, Afendoulis, Liberati and Garza offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare July 22, 2019, as Fragile X Awareness
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Fragile X syndrome is the most common cause of
4 inherited intellectual disability and the most common known genetic
5 cause of autism or autism spectrum disorders; and

6 Whereas, Over 1.5 million Americans are carriers of a fragile
7 X mutation and thus have, or are at risk for developing, a fragile
8 X-associated disorder, and over 100,000 Americans have fragile X
9 syndrome; and

10 Whereas, Fragile X disorders are also associated with



1 tremor/ataxia syndrome, causing tremors, balance deficiencies, and
2 memory problems, ovarian insufficiency, causing reduced fertility
3 or infertility, menstrual deficiencies, and early menopause; and

4 Whereas, Fragile X is a powerful research model for
5 neuropsychiatric disorders, such as autism, schizophrenia,
6 pervasive developmental disorders, and similar conditions including
7 Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, reproductive problems in women, and other
8 genetically-based medical conditions; and

9 Whereas, Although the genetic defect causing fragile X has
10 been discovered and is easily identified by DNA testing, fragile X
11 frequently goes undetected due to its recent discovery and the lack
12 of awareness about the syndrome, even within the medical community;
13 and

14 Whereas, Raising awareness of fragile X with the public and
15 the medical community will help patients with the fragile X gene
16 make better informed medical decisions and help those living with
17 fragile x syndrome to adapt into society and provide significant
18 contributions towards better understanding autism and other fragile
19 X-associated conditions; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
21 this legislative body declare July 22, 2019, as Fragile X Awareness
22 Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage all Michiganders to work
23 together to raise awareness of the need for early diagnosis and
24 treatment for the disorder as well as continued research to find a
25 cure.