

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.353

Reps. Griffin, Bezotte, Bollin, Breen, Cherry, Haadsma, Morse, Sabo, Weiss and Whiteford offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 15, 2022, as Pregnancy and
2 Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Each year, approximately one million pregnancies in
4 the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a
5 newborn baby. It is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child.
6 Babies sometimes live within or outside their mothers' wombs for
7 only a short period of time. Even the shortest lives are still
8 valuable and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives
9 should not be trivialized; and

10 Whereas, The observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss
11 Remembrance Day may provide validation to those who have lost a

1 baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death; and

2 Whereas, A public that is informed and educated about
3 miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss can better learn how to
4 respond with compassion to affected families. Professionals who
5 come in contact with families who have suffered such losses, such
6 as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral
7 directors, police officers, public health nurses, educators, and
8 employers, can better serve families if they have better knowledge
9 of pregnancy and infant loss; and

10 Whereas, Recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
11 will provide the people of the state of Michigan with an
12 opportunity to increase their understanding of the great tragedy
13 involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies; and

14 Whereas, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day will enable
15 the people of Michigan to consider how, as individuals and
16 communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers,
17 and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare October 15, 2022, as Pregnancy and
21 Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan. We support
22 the goals and ideals of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss
23 Remembrance Day; and be it further

24 Resolved, That we recognize the grief of the families who have
25 experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss and wish to
26 help heal and comfort these families in a time of pain and
27 heartache, to give the families hope for the future, and to assist
28 women and families across the state in understanding their
29 experience.