

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.17

Reps. Yaroch and Hornberger offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 31, 2021, as Omphalocele
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, An omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in
4 pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close properly and
5 some or most of the abdominal organs protrude on the outside of the
6 fetus's body through the umbilical cord; and

7 Whereas, It is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in
8 about 1 out of every 5,000 pregnancies and a large or giant
9 omphalocele occurs in about 1 out of every 10,000 pregnancies; and

10 Whereas, An omphalocele may be isolated or may be associated
11 with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities; and

12 Whereas, Despite the challenges a baby born with an
13 omphalocele may face, many babies who are born with an omphalocele

1 survive and go on to live happy, healthy lives; and

2 Whereas, Mothers of Omphaloceles (MOO) is a group of parents
3 from around the world that was created to provide hope, support,
4 and information to families with babies diagnosed with an
5 omphalocele; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body declare January 31, 2021, as Omphalocele
8 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize and commend
9 the Mothers of Omphaloceles for their courageous efforts to
10 advocate for their children.