

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.178

Rep. Bolden offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2021 as Uterine Fibroids
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Fibroids may cause significant morbidity through
4 their presence in the uterus and pelvic cavity, causing significant
5 pelvic pain, abnormal uterine bleeding, reproductive dysfunction,
6 miscarriages, and even infertility; and

7 Whereas, The pain, discomfort, stress, and other physical and
8 emotional symptoms of living with fibroids may significantly
9 interfere with a woman's quality of life, compromising her ability
10 to function normal, work, or care for her family and may lead to
11 more severe health and wellness issues; and

12 Whereas, Uterine fibroids are the most prevalent medical

1 condition affecting women, with an estimated 30 percent of women
2 developing a uterine fibroid by age 35 and 80 percent of women
3 developing a uterine fibroid by age 50; and

4 Whereas, The exact number of affected women is unknown, as
5 early detection and diagnosis are difficult because only 1 out of 4
6 women who have uterine fibroid exhibit symptoms severe enough to
7 require treatment; and

8 Whereas, The overall incidence of uterine fibroids is
9 estimated to disproportionately impact Black and Hispanic women,
10 who also experience more severe symptoms, resulting in an incidence
11 rate that is 3 times greater in women with Black ancestry and 2
12 times greater in Hispanic women compared to Caucasian women; and

13 Whereas, A hysterectomy, or removal of the uterus, is among
14 the most common surgical treatments for uterine fibroids. More than
15 200,000 hysterectomies are performed each year to treat uterine
16 fibroids, at an estimated annual cost of more than \$2,000,000,000;
17 and

18 Whereas, Uterine fibroids have been estimated to cost the
19 United States \$5,900,000 to \$34,400,000,000 annually with an
20 estimated annual lost work cost of \$1,600,000,000 to
21 \$17,200,000,000 through absenteeism and short-term disability in
22 women ages 25 to 54; and

23 Whereas, Public awareness and education campaigns on uterine
24 fibroids prevention, screening, and symptoms are held during the
25 month of September each year; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body declare October 2021 as Uterine Fibroids
28 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the
29 disparity in incidence rates for Black and Hispanic uterine fibroid

- 1 patients and urge greater research, treatment, and care options
- 2 regarding uterine leiomyoma.