

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.192

Rep. Lilly offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 14-20, 2021, as Thyroid Eye
2 Disease Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Thyroid Eye Disease (TED) is a serious, progressive
4 and rare autoimmune condition in which the body's immune system
5 mistakenly attacks healthy muscle and fat tissue behind the eye,
6 causing inflammation and scar tissue to form; and

7 Whereas, People living with TED often have debilitating
8 symptoms of eye bulging, double vision, blurred vision, and pain
9 and facial disfigurement. In severe cases, TED can lead to
10 blindness; and

11 Whereas, People living with TED often experience long-term
12 impact on functional, psychosocial and economic burdens, including
13 the inability to work or perform activities of daily living; and

1 Whereas, The exact underlying process by which TED occurs is
2 not fully understood. TED is a serious, vision threatening
3 condition that can get worse over time; and

4 Whereas, TED is a rare disease and is estimated to have a
5 prevalence of 16 per 100,000 women and 2.9 per 100,000 men in the
6 general population and

7 Whereas, A diagnosis of TED is based upon identification of
8 characteristic symptoms, a detailed patient history, a thorough
9 clinical evaluation and a variety of specialized tests; and

10 Whereas, There is a genetic component to the condition and
11 people who have a family member with the disease or a family member
12 with an autoimmune disease are at a greater risk of developing the
13 condition; and

14 Whereas, TED Awareness Week has been established through a
15 collaboration among advocacy organizations including the American
16 Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, Inc (AARDA), and Prevent
17 Blindness. AARDA and Prevent Blindness are engaged in disease
18 awareness and patient support; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare November 14-20, 2021, as Thyroid Eye
21 Disease Week in the state of Michigan.