

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.200

Rep. Puri offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare December 1-7, 2021, as Crohn's Disease
2 and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are
4 inflammatory bowel diseases that cause chronic inflammation and
5 damage in the gastrointestinal tract and impair the ability of the
6 affected organs to function properly. The most common symptoms of
7 these two diseases are persistent diarrhea, abdominal pain, rectal
8 bleeding, weight loss, and fatigue; and

9 Whereas, Individuals with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
10 often go through periods of remission with few or no symptoms,
11 alternating with periods of flare-ups when the disease is active
12 and presenting symptoms; and

1 Whereas, The exact cause of these diseases is not entirely
2 understood, but they do involve a complex interaction between
3 genes, the immune system and environmental factors; and

4 Whereas, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis affect
5 millions of adults and children in the United States. These
6 diseases are most often diagnosed in adolescence and early
7 adulthood between 15 and 35 years of age. The conditions are
8 chronic and can significantly affect a patient's quality of life;
9 and

10 Whereas, Cases of inflammatory bowel diseases are on the rise
11 in the United States. The annual financial burden of inflammatory
12 bowel diseases in the United States is estimated to be between
13 \$14.6 and \$31.6 billion. The costs of care for IBD have increased
14 in the last 5 years and are driven by specific therapeutics and
15 disease features; and

16 Whereas, Compared with non-IBD controls, IBD patients are
17 increasingly incurring higher costs associated with health care
18 utilization, out-of-pocket expenditures, and workplace productivity
19 losses; and

20 Whereas, There is no cure for Crohn's disease or ulcerative
21 colitis, only medications and treatments that aim to suppress
22 inflammation, achieve and maintain remission and improve overall
23 quality of life; and

24 Whereas, Even with treatment, 23 to 45% of people with
25 ulcerative colitis require surgery after 30 years with the disease,
26 and approximately 75% of people with Crohn's disease eventually
27 require surgery; and

28 Whereas, The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation sponsors cutting-
29 edge research to find a cure and works diligently to improve the

1 quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases
2 through a wide range of educational programs and support services
3 for both patients and health care professionals; and

4 Whereas, "Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness
5 Week" increases public awareness of these diseases, acknowledges
6 the medical and financial impact these diseases have on affected
7 individuals and their families and promotes initiatives to improve
8 treatments and find a cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative
9 colitis; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
11 this legislative body declare December 1-7, 2021, as Crohn's
12 Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Week in the state of
13 Michigan. We acknowledge individuals suffering from these diseases
14 and their desire for a cure.