

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.351

Rep. Steckloff offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare September 26, 2022, as Mesothelioma  
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Mesothelioma cancer is an aggressive, asbestos  
4 related disease that affects the linings of the lungs, abdomen,  
5 heart, or testicles; and

6       Whereas, The heavy use of asbestos in manufacturing, industry,  
7 and construction has been recognized as the worst occupational  
8 health disaster in U.S. history; and

9       Whereas, Asbestos was used in the construction of most office  
10 buildings, hospitals, public schools, power plants, automobile  
11 repair shops, refineries, and residential homes built before 1975;  
12 and

1       Whereas, Many mesothelioma cancer victims were exposed to  
2 asbestos on U.S. Navy ships and in shipyards; and

3       Whereas, Asbestos exposure is now believed to include many  
4 firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers including those  
5 from the September 11, 2001, Ground Zero terrorist attack; and

6       Whereas, Exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can  
7 result in mesothelioma fifteen years later, or even longer; and

8       Whereas, Because of occupational, Navy service related,  
9 household, or incidental exposure to asbestos and the long latency  
10 of this cancer disease, tens of millions of Americans are now at  
11 risk for developing mesothelioma; and

12       Whereas, For decades the need for research to develop  
13 effective treatments or cure for mesothelioma has been neglected or  
14 omitted; and

15       Whereas, The outcome of neglecting research for a cure to  
16 mesothelioma limits today the benefit or effect of existing  
17 treatments and many patients with this disease die within twelve to  
18 fifteen months from diagnosis;

19       Whereas, In 2001, the Mesothelioma Research Foundation of  
20 America was formed to eradicate the life ending and vicious effects  
21 of mesothelioma cancer with early progress in developing an  
22 effective treatment and potential cure which is found in Veglin (a  
23 non-chemotherapy drug solution) with research and clinical trials  
24 continuing to be made; and

25       Whereas, The establishment of Mesothelioma Awareness Day will  
26 help raise public awareness of the disease, how its latency can  
27 adversely affect the good health of many people, and for the  
28 immediate need to do research and discover an effective treatment  
29 or cure for this deadly cancer; now, therefore, be it

1           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
2 this legislative body declare September 26, 2022, as Mesothelioma  
3 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

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