

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.213

Reps. Churches and Wegela offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 2024 as Endometriosis Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Endometriosis is a disease of the female reproductive
4 system. Endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to that normally
5 found in the uterus begins to grow outside of the uterus, leading
6 to chronic, debilitating pelvic pain; and

7 Whereas, Endometriosis is a leading cause of female
8 infertility. Endometriosis affects 10% (approximately 190 million)
9 of women and girls in their reproductive ages, globally. There is
10 an average of a 10-year delay from the onset of symptoms to the
11 final diagnosis of endometriosis; and

12 Whereas, American endometriosis patients were hospitalized

1 105,123 days in 2010 because of their disease. Women with
2 endometriosis can lose 11 hours per work week through lost
3 productivity and absenteeism due to pain. Fifty-one percent of
4 endometriosis patients report that their condition detrimentally
5 affects their job; and

6 Whereas, The estimated total annual societal burden of
7 endometriosis-related symptoms in the U.S. is \$56 billion or
8 \$10,824 per patient; and

9 Whereas, There is no cure for endometriosis. More research is
10 necessary to develop treatment options to manage this debilitating
11 disease. Education is important for promoting awareness of symptoms
12 and early detection and diagnosis of endometriosis; and

13 Whereas, Endometriosis Awareness Month is the period of time
14 when people recognize the impact of this disease on women's health
15 and well-being and understand that more work must be done to
16 mitigate negative impacts of endometriosis; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
18 this legislative body declare March 2024 as Endometriosis Awareness
19 Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the significant
20 impacts of this disease on women's health outcomes.