

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

Rep. Witwer offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare June 1-7, 2025, as CPR and AED  
2 Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Michigan communities were saddened by the tragic  
4 sudden death of Everson Guild, an incoming high school freshman,  
5 during a routine football workout in 2017 at Grand Ledge High  
6 School. Unfortunately, more than three hundred children and young  
7 adults under the age of forty lose their lives to sudden cardiac  
8 death annually in Michigan. These losses of life tremendously  
9 impact families and communities across the state. Tragedies such as  
10 these have boosted support for successful efforts to ensure that  
11 external defibrillators are more readily available; and

12       Whereas, Other student-athletes, adult coaches, adult  
13 spectators and even some young spectators may be at risk of sudden  
14 cardiac arrest. There are often no warning signs or symptoms that

1 someone may fall victim to sudden cardiac arrest. When sudden  
2 cardiac arrest occurs, action must be swift. The administration of  
3 CPR and restoration of the heart rhythm with an automated external  
4 defibrillator, or AED, device in the first minutes after an arrest  
5 buys time for first responders to treat and transport a victim to a  
6 hospital where more lifesaving measures can be administered; and

7       Whereas, Across the state, our schools are gathering places  
8 for many people in our communities. It is common for AED devices to  
9 be located where large crowds gather to increase the chance that  
10 this technology will be available when an arrest occurs; and

11       Whereas, Training is inexpensive, and AEDs are easy to use.  
12 Response plans can outline the training and procedures for making  
13 an AED device accessible at a site where the crowd is gathered.  
14 Planning need not be onerous, but is necessary to make sure the  
15 procedure is consistent with how community facilities are used and  
16 trained users are present and ready to use an AED at events; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
19 this legislative body declare June 1-7, 2025, as CPR and AED  
20 Awareness Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

21       Resolved, That we encourage the public to be knowledgeable  
22 about the importance of CPR training and having AEDs in public  
23 spaces, and how these efforts have the capacity to save the lives  
24 of the young and old alike.