SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

Senators Chang, Singh, Cavanagh, Bayer, Wojno, Camilleri, Hertel, Shink and Irwin offered the following resolution: A resolution to designate April 20-26, 2025, as Infertility 1 Awareness Week. 2 Whereas, Infertility is defined as the inability to conceive 3 4 after one year or longer of trying to have a child; and Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and 5 6 Prevention, one in eight couples suffer from infertility; and 7 Whereas, Infertility affects women and men equally, with male 8 infertility being a factor in roughly 50 percent of cases; and 9 Whereas, In the United States, nine percent of men and 11 10 percent of women have experienced fertility issues; and 11 Whereas, The most common types of fertility treatment are in vitro fertilization (IVF) and intrauterine insemination (IUI); and 12 Whereas, Infertility can cause psychological distress, 13

- 1 emotional stress, and financial difficulties for couples who can
- 2 experience feelings of anger, guilt, sadness, depression, anxiety,
- 3 and a loss of self-confidence and self-esteem; and
- 4 Whereas, Raising awareness about infertility can remove
- **5** barriers to care; and
- 6 Whereas, Educating others on infertility can remove the stigma
- 7 and increase empathy and sympathy towards those facing infertility
- 8 problems; and
- 9 Whereas, It is critical that the state of Michigan explores
- 10 solutions to ensure greater access to infertility treatment so that
- 11 more citizens are able to start or grow their families; now,
- 12 therefore, be it
- 13 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
- 14 body designate April 20-26, 2025, as Infertility Awareness Week;
- 15 and be it further
- 16 Resolved, That we join The National Infertility Association
- 17 and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of
- 18 the infertility and family building community by participating in
- 19 this promotion.