

Reps. Lisa Brown, Ball, Barnett, Terry Brown, Byrnes, Constan, Gonzales, Hildenbrand, Robert Jones, Kowall, LeBlanc, Liss, Marleau, Mayes, Neumann, Polidori, Proos, Rogers, Schuitmaker, Slavens, Smith, Stanley and Valentine offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 271.**

A resolution to declare the week of May 9 through May 15, 2010, as Food Allergy Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about food allergies and anaphylaxis; and

Whereas, Each year, over 50,000 visits to the emergency room and hundreds of deaths are caused by food allergies; and

Whereas, It is estimated that approximately 12 million Americans have food allergies with 3 million being children; and

Whereas, Anaphylaxis is a systemic allergic reaction that involves the skin, respiratory tract, and cardiovascular system; and

Whereas, Eight foods account for 90 percent of all food-allergic reactions in the U.S.: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (e.g., walnuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios, pecans), wheat, soy, fish, and shellfish; and

Whereas, Even trace amounts of a food allergen can cause a reaction; and

Whereas, Food allergies are life-altering for everyone involved and require constant vigilance; and

Whereas, FAAN created Food Allergy Awareness Week in 1997 to educate others about food allergies; and

Whereas, This year's theme is "Respect Every Bite"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare the week of May 9 through May 15, 2010, as Food Allergy Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.