

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.306

Reps. Bolden, Anthony, Yancey, Kuppa, Love, Pohutsky, Stone, Wittenberg, Koleszar, Hood, Garrett, Brixie, Peterson, Gay-Dagnogo, Pagan, Guerra, Manoogian, Hammoud, Witwer, Shannon, Garza, Brenda Carter, Tyrone Carter, Liberati, Cynthia Johnson, Ellison, Lasinski, Sowerby, Jones, Warren, Rabhi, Camilleri, Clemente, Haadsma and Sneller offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 2020 as Uterine Fibroids
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Fibroids may cause significant morbidity through
4 their presence in the uterus and pelvic cavity, causing significant
5 pelvic pain, abnormal uterine bleeding, reproductive dysfunction,
6 miscarriages, and even infertility; and

7 Whereas, The pain, discomfort, stress, and other physical and



1 emotional symptoms of living with fibroids may significantly
2 interfere with a woman's quality of life, compromising her ability
3 to function normal, work, or care for her family, and may lead to
4 more severe health and wellness issues; and

5 Whereas, Uterine fibroids are the most prevalent medical
6 condition affecting women, with an estimated 30 percent of women
7 developing a uterine fibroid by age 35 and 80 percent of women
8 developing a uterine fibroid by age 50; and

9 Whereas, The exact number of affected women is unknown, as
10 early detection and diagnosis are difficult because only 1 out of 4
11 women who have uterine fibroid exhibit symptoms severe enough to
12 require treatment; and

13 Whereas, The overall incidence of uterine fibroids is
14 estimated to disproportionately impact Black and Hispanic women,
15 who also experience more severe symptoms, resulting in an incidence
16 rate that is 3 times greater in women with Black ancestry and 2
17 times greater in Hispanic women compared to Caucasian women; and

18 Whereas, A hysterectomy, or removal of the uterus, is among
19 the most common surgical treatments for uterine fibroids. More than
20 200,000 hysterectomies are performed each year to treat uterine
21 fibroids, at an estimated annual cost of more than \$2,000,000,000;
22 and

23 Whereas, Uterine fibroids have been estimated to cost the
24 United States \$5,900,000 to \$34,400,000,000 annually with an
25 estimated annual lost work cost of \$1,600,000,000 to
26 \$17,200,000,000 through absenteeism and short-term disability in
27 women ages 25 to 54; and

28 Whereas, Public awareness and education campaigns on uterine
29 fibroids prevention, screening, and symptoms are held during the

1 month of September each year; now, therefore, be it
2 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
3 this legislative body declare September 2020 as Uterine Fibroids
4 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the
5 disparity in incidence rates for Black and Hispanic uterine fibroid
6 patients and urge greater research, treatment, and care options
7 regarding uterine leiomyoma.