

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 160

Reps. Fitzgerald, Haadsma, Hope, Brabec, Stone, Miller, Byrnes, Glanville, Bollin, Breen, Churches, Fox, Hill, Koleszar, McFall, Morse, Paiz, Price, Rheingans, Rogers, Thompson, Weiss, Wilson and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 2023 as Children's Grief
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, One in twelve children experience the death of a
4 parent or sibling before graduating high school; and

5 Whereas, Children old enough to love are old enough to mourn
6 the loss of a loved one; and

7 Whereas, Grieving children often feel set apart, different
8 from their peers, alone, and not understood; and

9 Whereas, Children often struggle to process grief or express

1 the emotions stemming from loss in a healthy way; and

2 Whereas, Absence of support can have a serious impact on
3 educational attainment and emotional growth, leading to future
4 difficulties in life; and

5 Whereas, Our state is fortunate to have organizations with
6 talented professionals and volunteers who focus on childhood grief,
7 providing emotional support, coping mechanisms, and the foundation
8 to process grief from the loss of a loved one; and

9 Whereas, This November, as the holiday season approaches and
10 existing grief is often intensified, organizations like these,
11 alongside Michigan parents and children, will come together to
12 demonstrate the need for greater awareness of childhood grief, and
13 encourage the rest of our state to prioritize supporting
14 organizations and actors that commit themselves to this cause; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare November 2023 as Children's Grief
18 Awareness Month.