

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.187

Reps. DeBoyer, Bruck, Markkanen, Prestin, Rigas, Wozniak, Slagh, Alexander, Beson, Harris, Fox, Bierlein, Kunse, Aragona, Mentzer, Bezotte, Thompson, St. Germaine, Roth, Cavitt, BeGole, Breen, Fink, Jaime Greene, Outman, Zorn, Friske, Martin, Rheingans, Hoadley, Steele, VanderWall, Wilson, Tsernoglou, Arbit, McFall, Brabec, Meerman, Morgan, Haadsma, Hill, Paiz and Schuette offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 15, 2024, as Angelman
2 Syndrome Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Angelman syndrome is a rare neuro-genetic disorder
4 that occurs in one in 15,000 live births or 500,000 people
5 worldwide; and

6 Whereas, Angelman syndrome shares symptoms and characteristics

1 with other disorders including autism, cerebral palsy, and Prader-
2 Willi syndrome, often leading to misdiagnosis; and

3 Whereas, People with Angelman syndrome have developmental
4 problems that become noticeable by the age of 6 - 12 months; and

5 Whereas, Common signs and symptoms usually appear in early
6 childhood like walking and balance disorders, gastrointestinal
7 issues, seizures, and little to no speech; and

8 Whereas, Life expectancy of people with Angelman syndrome is
9 normal and itself does not cause death; and

10 Whereas, Despite its symptoms, people with Angelman syndrome
11 have an overall happy and excitable demeanor; and

12 Whereas, It is critical to the success of research and support
13 services to raise awareness in the general public and the medical
14 community about Angelman syndrome; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
16 this legislative body declare February 15, 2024, as Angelman
17 Syndrome Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage all
18 citizens to join in the observance.