

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 226

Reps. Scott, Brabec, Haadsma, Hill, Rheingans, Rogers, Weiss and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2024 as Sarcoidosis Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Sarcoidosis is a debilitating and potentially deadly
4 multi-organ, systemic inflammatory rare disease, that causes the
5 immune system to damage the body's own tissue and often affects
6 several areas of the body simultaneously; and

7 Whereas, It occurs when a person's immune system overreacts
8 resulting in the formation of granulomas, microscopic clumps of
9 inflammatory cells; and

10 Whereas, Patients can experience a wide range of symptoms
11 including debilitating fatigue; shortness of breath; difficulties

1 with balance and coordination; irregular heartbeat; visual
2 problems, including blindness; mood disorders such as depression
3 and anxiety; and organ failure; and

4 Whereas, Sarcoidosis is estimated to affect less than 200,000
5 people in the United States, most often afflicting victims between
6 the ages of 20 and 40. African Americans are afflicted at least 10
7 times more often than other ethnic groups in the United States; and

8 Whereas, While progress has been made in understanding
9 Sarcoidosis, the cause is still unknown and there is currently no
10 cure for the disease; now therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
12 this legislative body declare April 2024 as Sarcoidosis Month in
13 the state of Michigan. We encourage Michiganders to gain a greater
14 understanding of this disease, show support for its victims, help
15 to educate medical staff, and encourage support for education
16 programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure.