

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

Reps. MacDonell, Wegela, Morgan, McFall, Grant, Stone, Conlin and Hood offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare April 2023 as Sjogren's Awareness  
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Sjogren's syndrome is a systemic autoimmune disease  
4 that affects the whole body. While its most common symptoms are dry  
5 eyes and dry mouth, its symptoms can also include profound fatigue,  
6 chronic pain, and neuropathies; and

7           Whereas, Primary Sjogren's means someone has only the  
8 syndrome. Secondary Sjogren's occurs as a comorbidity with other  
9 immune disorders such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE),  
10 rheumatoid arthritis (RA), or scleroderma; and

11           Whereas, Sjogren's can cause dry eyes, dry mouth, cavities,  
12 chronic oral thrush, and other symptoms; and

1           Whereas, Four million Americans have Sjogren's. The condition  
2 can be challenging for both patients and physicians. Since most of  
3 its symptoms are invisible, many people living with Sjogren's  
4 report that their experiences with the syndrome are not taken  
5 seriously. Early diagnosis and treatment are key to preventing  
6 severe complications; and

7           Whereas, Michiganders living with Sjogren's or others  
8 interested in learning more about the syndrome can contact the  
9 Sjogren's Foundation to learn more; now, therefore, be it

10           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
11 this legislative body declare April 2023 as Sjogren's Awareness  
12 Month in the state of Michigan.