

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 124

Rep. Breen offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare July 2023 as Cleft and Craniofacial
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Cleft lip and cleft palate are birth defects that
4 occur when a baby's lip or mouth do not form properly before birth.
5 Together, these birth defects are commonly called "orofacial
6 clefts" or "oral clefts" (OFCs). Affecting 1-2 per 1,000 newborns,
7 together they are among the more common birth defects and the most
8 common affecting the face; and

9 Whereas, Without proper medical intervention, the quality of
10 life for these children are negatively impacted. Children with
11 orofacial clefts frequently have problems with feeding and talking.
12 They might also have frequent ear infections, hearing loss, and

1 problems with their teeth. These children usually require one or
2 more surgeries early in life, as well as special feeding
3 techniques, orthodontic care and/or speech therapy; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
6 this legislative body declare July 2023 as Cleft and Craniofacial
7 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.