

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 225

Rep. MacDonell offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2024 as Sjogren's Syndrome
2 Awareness 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 written off as
5 fictitious. Early diagnosis and treatment are key to preventing
6 severe complications, so Sjogren's and its symptoms should be taken
7 seriously; and

8 Whereas, Interest in the syndrome among federal legislators
9 has prompted an effort to secure federal funding for research on
10 the causes of Sjogren's syndrome and possible treatments; and

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

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
15 this legislative body declare April 2024 as Sjogren's Syndrome
16 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.