

SR218, As Adopted by Senate, October 20, 2016

Senator Ananich offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 218.

A resolution to commemorate the month of November 2016 as Bladder Health Month.

Whereas, Millions of Americans are impacted by bladder diseases and conditions, including urinary tract infections, overactive bladder, underactive bladder, urinary incontinence, interstitial cystitis, nocturia, bladder cancer, urotrauma, and neurogenic bladder; and

Whereas, Bladder diseases and conditions have a negative effect on an individual's health and quality of life, contributing to depression, anxiety, sexual dysfunction, social isolation, nursing home admissions, hospitalizations, decreased physical activity, and even death; and

Whereas, Bladder diseases and conditions result in costs estimated at over \$70 billion annually; and

Whereas, Medical and behavioral research to better understand bladder health and treat bladder diseases is crucial yet not widely recognized; and

Whereas, Bladder problems are highly stigmatized, and open dialogue generated by designating a month this year as National Bladder Health Month can reduce stigma and empower providers and patients to have much-needed conversations about bladder health; and

Whereas, Industry professionals have strived to raise awareness by designating November as Bladder Health Month; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the month of November 2016 as Bladder Health Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and goals of this effort.