

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 135

Senators Hoitenga and Albert offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate June 27, 2024, as Post-Traumatic
2 Stress Injury (PTSI) Awareness Day.

3 Whereas, The brave men and women of the United States (U.S.)
4 Armed Forces risk their lives to protect the freedom of our nation
5 and deserve an unwavering commitment of resources to ensure their
6 lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

7 Whereas, It is estimated that more than 2.5 million U.S.
8 service members have deployed around the world since the events of
9 September 11, 2001; and

10 Whereas, Thousands of service members have deployed multiple
11 times to combat zones, placing them at high risk of post-traumatic
12 stress; and

1 Whereas, Approximately 200,000 U.S. military personnel leave
2 the service each year, and thousands of them are from Michigan,
3 with their military service exposing many of them to traumatic
4 life-threatening events; and

5 Whereas, Post-traumatic stress significantly increases the
6 risk of depression, suicide, and drug or alcohol-related disorders
7 and deaths; and

8 Whereas, Thousands of Michigan corrections professionals, law
9 enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders also
10 face high incidence rates of post-traumatic stress as they face
11 extreme danger protecting the public; and

12 Whereas, While significant advancements have been made by the
13 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other entities to diagnose,
14 prevent, and treat PTSD, many challenges remain; and

15 Whereas, The establishment of a Post-Traumatic Stress Injury
16 Awareness Day in Michigan raises public awareness about issues
17 related to PTSD; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
19 body commemorate June 27, 2024, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury
20 (PTSD) Awareness Day; and be it further

21 Resolved, That we urge the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
22 and other state departments to continue working to educate service
23 members, veterans, the families of service members and veterans,
24 and the public about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of PTSD;
25 and be it further

26 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
27 Governor.