

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 194

Reps. Paiz, Breen, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Miller, Myers-Phillips, Rheingans, Rogers and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 25th, 2025, as World Spina
2 Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Spina bifida is the most common permanently disabling
4 birth defect compatible with life, affecting thousands of people
5 across the United States, including many Michigan residents; and

6 Whereas, Spina bifida occurs when the spinal column does not
7 close completely during early pregnancy, leading to a range of
8 physical and neurological challenges that can include mobility
9 limitations, hydrocephalus, and other health complications; and

10 Whereas, Advances in medical care, early interventions, and
11 therapies have significantly improved the quality of life and life
12 expectancy for individuals living with spina bifida; and

1 Whereas, Raising awareness about spina bifida promotes earlier
2 detection, better understanding, and stronger support networks for
3 individuals and families affected by the condition; and

4 Whereas, Organizations such as the Spina Bifida Association
5 and local support groups in Michigan work tirelessly to provide
6 education, advocacy, and resources for families while also
7 supporting research for better treatments and prevention; and

8 Whereas, Recognizing October 25th as World Spina Bifida and
9 Hydrocephalus Day in Michigan helps shine a light on the resilience
10 of those living with the condition, encourages compassion within
11 our communities, and emphasizes the importance of continued
12 research and support services; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, The members of this
14 legislative body declare October 25th, 2025, as World Spina Bifida
15 and Hydrocephalus Day in the state of Michigan. We honor those
16 living with spina bifida and recognize ongoing efforts to improve
17 quality of life and access to care.