

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 207

Reps. Fitzgerald, Pohutsky, Glanville, Miller, Snyder, Wooden, Witwer, Hope, Byrnes, Breen, Longjohn, Dievendorf, MacDonell, Paiz, Rogers, Weiss and Xiong offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 2025 as Children's Grief
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, One in twelve children in the United States will
4 experience the death of a parent or sibling before graduating from
5 high school; and

6 Whereas, Every child who has known love is capable of deep
7 grief, and every grieving child deserves understanding, support,
8 and compassion; and

9 Whereas, Children who experience the death of a loved one
10 often feel isolated, different from their peers, and may struggle
11 to express or process complex emotions; and

12 Whereas, Without proper support, childhood grief can have

1 long-term effects on emotional well-being, academic success, and
2 social development; and

3 Whereas, Michigan is home to compassionate organizations,
4 professionals, and volunteers who provide critical grief support to
5 children and families—offering safe spaces to share, heal, and
6 build resilience after loss; and

7 Whereas, As the holiday season approaches and feelings of
8 grief can become especially intense, it is important to raise
9 awareness of the unique needs of grieving children and to recognize
10 the individuals and organizations working tirelessly to help them
11 heal; now, therefore, be it

12 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
13 this legislative body declare November 2025 as Children's Grief
14 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

15 Resolved, That we encourage all Michiganders to support
16 grieving children and their families, and to promote greater
17 understanding of childhood bereavement and the importance of
18 compassionate care and community support.