

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 194

Rep. Paiz 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

13 Whereas, Raising awareness about spina bifida promotes earlier
14 detection, better understanding, and stronger support networks for

1 individuals and families affected by the condition; and

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

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

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