

House Resolution 106 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY NORDMAN

1 A Resolution designating February 2024 as Marfan
2 Syndrome Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, Marfan syndrome is a genetic disorder that
4 affects the body's connective tissue; and

5 WHEREAS, connective tissue allows bones, ligaments,
6 muscles, blood vessels, and heart valves to stay strong
7 and flexible; and

8 WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 5,000 people have Marfan
9 syndrome and the genetic disorder affects men and women
10 of all races and ethnic groups; and

11 WHEREAS, roughly three out of every four people with
12 Marfan syndrome inherit the genetic disorder from a
13 parent; and

14 WHEREAS, recognizing the signs and symptoms of
15 Marfan syndrome can save lives, but the signs and
16 symptoms of the genetic disorder vary greatly depending
17 on the part of the body affected; and

18 WHEREAS, the most common symptoms of Marfan syndrome
19 include disproportionately long arms, legs, and
20 fingers, an indented chest bone, an abnormally curved
21 spine, and heart murmurs; and

22 WHEREAS, there is no cure for Marfan syndrome, there
23 are various treatment options, including medication,
24 limitations on physical activity, surgery, and methods
25 to prevent or manage complications of the genetic
26 disorder; and

27 WHEREAS, organizations like the Michael Henter
28 Foundation are raising awareness of Marfan syndrome by

1 telling the story of Michael's life and the impact he
2 had on so many; and

3 WHEREAS, it is imperative that residents of this
4 state are aware of Marfan syndrome in order to promote
5 early diagnosis and the discovery of a cure; NOW
6 THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
8 the House of Representatives designates the month of
9 February 2024 as Marfan Syndrome Awareness Month in
10 Iowa; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
12 Representatives recognizes the importance of spreading
13 awareness about Marfan syndrome and encouraging
14 research opportunities to find a cure for the genetic
15 disorder; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
17 Representatives respectfully requests the Chief Clerk
18 of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of
19 this resolution to the Michael Henter Foundation and
20 the Marfan Foundation.