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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION supporting the recognition of March 2014 as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in support of afflicted Indiana citizens and their loved ones affected by this incurable form of blood cancer.

Whereas, Multiple myeloma, the second most common form of blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow;

Whereas, Because the malignant plasma cells form more than one plasma cell tumor in a patient, it is known as multiple myeloma;

Whereas, The American Cancer Society estimates that 24,050 new cases will be diagnosed and 11,090 deaths will be

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associated with multiple myeloma in the United States this year;

Whereas, Once known as a disease of the elderly, multiple myeloma is now being increasingly diagnosed in people under 65;

Whereas, Due to the fact that multiple myeloma is a rare disease, there can often be a delayed diagnosis resulting in delayed treatment;

Whereas, According to the Mayo Clinic, the exact cause of multiple myeloma is still unknown;

Whereas, The median life expectancy for a patient diagnosed with multiple myeloma, depending upon the state of discovery, is between 29 and 62 months;

Whereas, Complications from multiple myeloma include impaired immunity, anemia, impaired kidney function, and bone problems and fractures;

Whereas, Although we have seen important advances in the last decade, there is still no cure for multiple myeloma;

Whereas, Indiana is committed to increasing awareness of multiple myeloma and encouraging private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs; and

Whereas, Because of the lack of knowledge regarding multiple myeloma, it is vital to develop an increased awareness of this disease both by clinicians and the general public so that the most effective and safest treatments can be discovered and implemented: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 recognizes March 2014 as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in
3 support of those affected by this disease and encourages all residents
4 to participate in voluntary activities to support multiple myeloma
5 education and the funding of research programs to find a cure.



1 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
2 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Mike
3 Pence.

