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Representative Baker

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness
Month, March 2015.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize March 2015 as Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Fibromuscular dysplasia is a disease that causes abnormal cell growth of the arterial wall, and it can lead to areas of narrowing, beading, aneurysms, and dissection of that wall. Since it was first diagnosed in 1938, there has been little progress in understanding this rare disease, and thus, there is no known cause or cure and no set protocol for treatment. There are different classifications of FMD, including medial fibroplasia, adventitial, and intimal fibroplasia, and ninety percent of patients affected are women. With such symptoms as hypertension, headaches, dizziness, stroke, aneurysm, renal infraction, insomnia, fatigue, and abdominal pain, there is often a misdiagnosis or delay in diagnosis of FMD; and

WHEREAS, Fibromuscular dysplasia is not well known by the public or the medical community. Patients and their families often experience feelings of isolation and difficulty in obtaining diagnosis and treatment options, and they frequently have to do their own advocating for education, awareness, and fundraising for research; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2003, the Fibromuscular Dysplasia

Society of America has initiated programs in such areas as public and physician awareness, patient support, and research, as well as the funding of the United States Registry for Fibromuscular Dysplasia. In addition, the society is organizing the global observance of Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month each March, with patients, medical professionals, and researchers joining together to focus attention on FMD as a public health issue; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize March 2015 as Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month and urge all citizens to learn about this disease in order to aid those who are affected by it; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America and to the news media of Ohio.