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Representative Sheehy

A RESOLUTION

Observing World Sight Day in Ohio
October 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize World Sight Day in
Ohio, October 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Supported by the World Health Organization, World Sight
Day is an annual day of awareness to focus global attention on the
importance of eye health and the impact of vision impairment,
including blindness. The celebration of this day is advanced by the
International Agency to Prevent Blindness and its many kindred member
organizations across the world, including the Prevent Blindness, Ohio
Affiliate; and

WHEREAS, In 2020 there were 1,729,883 Ohioans affected by vision-
robbing conditions, which were caused by diabetic retinopathy,
cataracts, glaucoma, and age-related macular degeneration. In
addition, the estimated financial burden to the Ohio economy due to
vision problems, refractive errors, visual impairment, and blindness
for all age groups is \$6.1 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, Despite many causes of blindness being preventable, the
number of Ohioans who suffer vision loss continues to increase as our
population ages. Eye health should be viewed principally as a human
development issue, as it is a highly cost-effective means of unlocking
human potential, enabling children to succeed in school, empowering
adults with sustainable employment opportunities, and achieving many
of our country's sustainable development goals. By uniting together,
we can ensure all are able to see this brighter future; therefore be
it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26
the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, honor 27
October 13, 2022, as World Sight Day in Ohio; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 29
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of 30
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