

2016 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 206

Designating January 31, in 2016 and in each succeeding year, as Omphalocele Awareness Day in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 1, 2016

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2016

WHEREAS, an omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close properly and some or most of the abdominal organs protrude into the umbilical cord; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in about 1 out of every 5,000 pregnancies and a large or giant omphalocele occurs in about 1 out of every 10,000 pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, an omphalocele may be isolated or may be associated with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges a baby born with an omphalocele may face, many babies who are born with an omphalocele survive and go on to live happy, healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles (MOO) is a group of over 1,400 parents from around the world that was created to provide hope and information to families with babies diagnosed with an omphalocele; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate January 31, 2016, and in each succeeding year, as Omphalocele Awareness Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mothers of Omphaloceles so that the members of the organization may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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