
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 23, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 7, 2005, as "Amputation Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The most common causes for the amputation of bodily
4 limbs in this nation are disease, including diabetes or vascular
5 conditions, trauma, congenital or birth defects and tumors; and

6 WHEREAS, Simple mobility and self-care are the initial
7 difficulties most new amputees face; and

8 WHEREAS, Many amputees experience serious postamputation pain
9 and emotional and social concerns; and

10 WHEREAS, Specifically amputation changes the chemical balance
11 in the brain, leaving an amputee with increased symptoms of
12 depression or anxiety; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 135,000 new amputations occur each
2 year; and

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are 1.2 million amputees
4 living in the United States, with the amputee rate on the rise;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, As the Baby Boomer Generation reaches retirement
7 age, the United States population by 2010 will have one of the
8 highest senior citizen rates ever recorded; and

9 WHEREAS, The number of amputees in the United States
10 according to age is: under 18 years of age, 70,000; 18 to 44
11 years of age, 293,000; 45 to 64 years of age, 305,000; 65 to 74
12 years of age, 395,000; and over 75 years of age, 223,000; and
13 according to gender is: male, 892,000; and female, 392,000; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States the most common causes of
15 amputation of the lower extremities are: disease (diabetes or
16 vascular), leading to 70% of amputations; trauma, leading to 22%
17 of amputations; congenital or birth defects, leading to 4% of
18 amputations; and tumors, leading to 4% of amputations; and

19 WHEREAS, Medical professionals and the public need to be
20 educated about the impact of amputation on persons who
21 experience limb loss in order to extend appropriate support and
22 care; and

23 WHEREAS, Preventive health measures can be taken to reduce
24 the likelihood that amputation of a bodily limb will be
25 medically necessary; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
27 7, 2005, as "Amputation Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.