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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 16, 2016, as "4p-/Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome  
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, 4p- syndrome occurs due to a chromosomal deletion  
4 resulting in various physical anomalies and developmental  
5 delays; and

6 WHEREAS, 4p- syndrome can result in Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome,  
7 identifiable by specific characteristic facial appearance,  
8 growth delay, intellectual disabilities and seizures; and

9 WHEREAS, While all people with Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome have  
10 4p- syndrome, not all people with 4p- syndrome are considered to  
11 have Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome; and

12 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 4p- syndrome occurs in 1 out of  
13 every 50,000 births, with an estimate that 30% will die within  
14 the first few years of life; and

15 WHEREAS, With advances in medical technology and community

1 awareness, death rates are decreasing, but 4p- syndrome has no  
2 cure; and

3 WHEREAS, Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome is the most common fourth  
4 chromosome deletion disorder diagnosed; and

5 WHEREAS, Because the fourth chromosome deleted is named  
6 4p16.3, April 16 (4/16) was chosen to bring awareness to this  
7 genetic condition; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
9 16, 2016, as "4p-/Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome Awareness Day" in  
10 Pennsylvania.