

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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APRIL 2, 2001

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 1 through 7, 2001, as "Lupus  
2 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Systemic lupus erythematosus, or SLE, is a chronic  
4 inflammatory disease that causes the body's immune system to  
5 produce abnormal antibodies that attack healthy tissues and  
6 organs; and

7 WHEREAS, Lupus can affect almost any body organ or system and  
8 there remains no known cause or permanent cure for this disease;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Every year more than 16,000 Americans are diagnosed

1 with lupus while at the same time an equal number of Americans  
2 may suffer from this disease without their knowledge; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 1.4 million people suffer from lupus  
4 throughout the United States, and these sufferers are ten times  
5 more likely to be women than men; and

6 WHEREAS, To improve the quality of life for individuals  
7 afflicted with lupus, early diagnosis and proper treatment are  
8 critical; and

9 WHEREAS, Effective treatment can minimize symptoms and  
10 decrease the chance of permanent tissue or organ damage; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout this Commonwealth nonprofit health  
12 agencies and health care professionals continue their valiant  
13 fight against lupus through research, education and patient  
14 services; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
16 week of April 1 through 7, 2001, as "Lupus Awareness Week" in  
17 Pennsylvania.