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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2005 as "Macular Degeneration  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Macular degeneration is a progressive eye disease  
4 which attacks the macula of the eye where the sharpest central  
5 vision occurs, robbing the individual of all but peripheral  
6 vision; and

7 WHEREAS, Macular degeneration affects as many as 15 million  
8 Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Age-related macular degeneration is the number one  
10 cause of vision loss in adults over 60 years of age; and

11 WHEREAS, As Pennsylvania's population ages, cases of macular  
12 degeneration will be on the rise; and

1       WHEREAS, While predominately a disease of aging, macular  
2 degeneration may also strike in children; and

3       WHEREAS, Juvenile macular degeneration affects one in 10,000  
4 children; and

5       WHEREAS, Certain factors other than heredity may play a role  
6 in macular degeneration, including smoking, hypertension and  
7 diet; and

8       WHEREAS, While there is no cure, wet (neovascular) macular  
9 degeneration can be treated with laser in some cases; and

10       WHEREAS, Visual rehabilitation and vision aids are effective  
11 in assisting people with macular degeneration; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 month of May 2005 as "Macular Degeneration Awareness Month" in  
14 Pennsylvania so that Pennsylvanians can become more familiar  
15 with the symptoms of this disease.