
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2014 as "Muscular Dystrophy
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Muscular dystrophy is a group of muscle diseases
4 that weaken the musculoskeletal system and limit locomotion; and

5 WHEREAS, Muscular dystrophies are characterized by
6 progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins
7 and the death of muscle cells and tissue; and

8 WHEREAS, The multiple types of muscular dystrophy, including
9 nine major forms with a range of symptoms and variable
10 progression, affect more than 50,000 persons in the United
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy is the most common and
13 most severe form of muscular dystrophy; and

1 WHEREAS, No cure has been found for Duchenne muscular
2 dystrophy; and

3 WHEREAS, Medical knowledge of neuromuscular diseases is
4 broadening, and research discoveries are leading to promising
5 therapies and developments in clinical care; and

6 WHEREAS, It is vital to raise public awareness of the effects
7 of neuromuscular diseases and the scientific and medical
8 advances currently being made against these devastating
9 diseases; and

10 WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month provides an
11 opportunity to recognize those whose lives have been impacted by
12 muscular dystrophy and to honor them as they deal with the daily
13 struggles they encounter as well as to honor the dedicated
14 professionals who provide medical services and support services
15 to individuals with muscular dystrophy; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
17 month of October 2014 as "Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month" in
18 Pennsylvania.