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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1004 Session of  
2015

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D. COSTA AND McCARTER, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2016 as "Sepsis Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Sepsis, commonly called "blood poisoning," is the  
4 body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to infection  
5 which may lead to tissue damage, organ failure and death; and

6 WHEREAS, Physicians draw from a list of symptoms in order to  
7 make a diagnosis of sepsis, including abnormalities of body  
8 temperature, heart rate, respiratory rate and white blood cell  
9 count; and

10 WHEREAS, Sepsis may be caused by an infection, usually  
11 associated with an illness such as diabetes or cancer, or an  
12 injury such as a cut or a scrape; and

13 WHEREAS, This medical condition may be caused by an infection  
14 following routine surgery or a medical procedure; and

15 WHEREAS, Sepsis kills approximately 258,000 Americans

1 annually and that number is increasing; and

2 WHEREAS, Forty percent of patients diagnosed with severe  
3 sepsis do not survive; and

4 WHEREAS, This medical condition is considered to be the most  
5 costly in-hospital condition in the nation, costing more than  
6 \$20 billion each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Until a cure for sepsis is found, early detection is  
8 the best hope for survival; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
10 month of September 2016 as "Sepsis Awareness Month" in  
11 Pennsylvania.