
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 6, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 1 through 7, 2018, as "Automated
2 External Defibrillator Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, AED is the acronym for automated external
4 defibrillator; and

5 WHEREAS, AEDs are portable medical devices that use
6 electrodes to automatically analyze and detect cardiac
7 arrhythmia of sudden cardiac arrest patients; and

8 WHEREAS, AEDs are able to produce an electric shock which
9 stops the heart and allows it to return to a normal rhythm, a
10 process called defibrillation; and

11 WHEREAS, AEDs are used in the event of a sudden cardiac
12 arrest, a condition in which the heart suddenly stops pumping
13 blood and quivers erratically; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 360,000 cases of sudden cardiac arrest
15 occur yearly, typically without any warning signs; and

16 WHEREAS, An individual has approximately a 5% chance of

1 surviving an incident of cardiac arrest, which decreases 7% to
2 10% with every minute that passes after an individual's heart
3 stops beating; and

4 WHEREAS, Having an AED readily available increases the
5 likelihood that an individual can retrieve the AED and return to
6 the victim within 90 seconds; and

7 WHEREAS, Given that an individual's chances of surviving a
8 sudden cardiac arrest decrease so rapidly, it is important that
9 AEDs are readily available; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
11 week of June 1 through 7, 2018, as "Automated External
12 Defibrillator Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.