
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2017 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Fibromuscular dysplasia (FMD) is a disease that
4 causes abnormal cell growth of the arterial walls in the body
5 and can lead to areas of narrowing, beading, aneurysms and
6 tearing of areas of the arterial wall; and

7 WHEREAS, FMD is usually detected by accident or as a result
8 of a serious incident because its symptoms, including
9 hypertension, headaches and dizziness, affect much of the
10 general population; and

11 WHEREAS, There has been little progress in understanding the
12 disease since it was first diagnosed in 1938; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no known cause or cure for the disease, and
14 there are no set protocols for treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, FMD is classified as a rare disease, though many
16 researchers believe it is underdiagnosed; and

17 WHEREAS, Women between 20 and 60 years of age comprise 90% of

1 patients diagnosed with FMD; and

2 WHEREAS, Individuals and families affected by FMD often
3 experience isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and
4 timely diagnosis and less than optimal treatment options, and
5 often patients must educate their own physicians about the
6 disease; and

7 WHEREAS, The Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America
8 (FMDSA) was founded in March 2003 and over the past 14 years has
9 been active and successful in raising public and medical
10 professional awareness of the disease, increasing patient
11 support and working with researchers around the world; and

12 WHEREAS, FMDSA is also funding the United States Registry for
13 Fibromuscular Dysplasia; and

14 WHEREAS, FMDSA is organizing a global observance of FMD to
15 have patients, medical professionals and researchers join
16 together to focus attention on FMD as a public health issue;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2017
19 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.