## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the period of October 2009 through January 2010 as
- "H1N1 Virus Awareness Season" in Pennsylvania and encouraging
- all Pennsylvanians to receive the H1N1 vaccine.
- 4 WHEREAS, The rapid spreading of the H1N1 virus, also known as
- 5 swine flu, beginning in April 2009, has caused the World Health
- 6 Organization to declare the H1N1 virus as the reason for the
- 7 current flu pandemic; and
- 8 WHEREAS, In swift response to this pandemic the Federal
- 9 Government has developed a highly ambitious plan to immunize at
- 10 least half of the United States population, which will allow for
- 11 containment of the spread of H1N1 in the nation throughout the
- 12 upcoming flu season; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 14 has provided substantial guidance to State and local public
- 15 health officials for adequately implementing vaccination plans;
- 16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, Children, young adults and pregnant women have been
- 18 determined to be the groups most susceptible to contracting H1N1

- 1 and have been given priority for receiving the vaccine; and
- 2 WHEREAS, The CDC urges all individuals, in addition to
- 3 receiving their regular seasonal flu vaccine, to receive the
- 4 H1N1 vaccine; therefore be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 6 period of October 2009 through January 2010 as "H1N1 Virus
- 7 Awareness Season" in Pennsylvania and encourage all
- 8 Pennsylvanians to receive the H1N1 vaccine.