
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 51

Session of
1989

INTRODUCED BY MARKOSEK, SAURMAN, COWELL, SCHULER, JACKSON, RUDY
AND LaGROTTA, APRIL 3, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 3, 1989

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April as "Autism Awareness Month" and April 30 as
2 "Pennsylvania Autism Awareness Day."

3 WHEREAS, There are 18,000 to 20,000 children and adults with
4 autism in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, Autism incidence is 15 in 10,000 births; and

6 WHEREAS, Autism is twice as common as blindness, and nearly
7 three times as common as deafness, as a condition at birth; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly 35% of all residents of Pennsylvania's State
9 Mental Health facilities are primarily autistic; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 65,000 parents and family members are
11 seriously affected by autism in Pennsylvania due to limitations
12 and stress placed on their lives by the afflicted family member
13 or friend; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania,
15 in an effort to focus the State's attention on autism, and on
16 autistic individuals and their families, declare April of 1989
17 as "Autism Awareness Month" in this Commonwealth; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That April 30, 1989, be designated as "Pennsylvania
3 Autism Awareness Day" throughout this Commonwealth.