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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2003 as "Minority Health Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A noticeable health gap has been in existence  
4 between majority and minority populations in America for many  
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1914 Booker T. Washington noticed this disparity  
7 and began the first "Health Improvement Week" in America to  
8 highlight these concerns; and

9 WHEREAS, Following the ideas of Booker T. Washington, in 2000  
10 the United States Surgeon General announced the goal of  
11 eliminating disparities in health access and outcomes  
12 experienced by racial and ethnic minorities and promoting  
13 improvements in six specific areas, including infant mortality,  
14 cancer screening, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and

1 immunizations, by 2010; and

2 WHEREAS, Despite much progress in improving the health of our  
3 nation, minorities are more likely to die from cancer,  
4 cardiovascular disease, stroke, chemical dependency, diabetes,  
5 infant mortality and AIDS; and

6 WHEREAS, Minority populations face substantial cultural,  
7 social and economic barriers to obtaining access to quality  
8 health care; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support efforts  
10 to promote healthy lifestyles and to reduce the health disparity  
11 between majority and minority populations; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 month of April 2003 as "Minority Health Month" in Pennsylvania.