
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 29, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming May 2003 as "Infant Mortality Prevention Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Congenital anomalies, preterm/low birth weight,
4 sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), problems related to
5 complications of pregnancy and respiratory distress syndrome are
6 the main contributors to infant mortality in this country; and

7 WHEREAS, The infant mortality rate in the United States
8 stands at 6.9 deaths per 1,000 live births, ranking the United
9 States 28th in the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania currently ranks 21st in the country,
11 with Philadelphia's infant mortality rate 50% higher than the
12 State's average; and

13 WHEREAS, While progress has been made in reducing the rate of
14 infant mortality, more can be done to alleviate this problem;
15 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support efforts
2 to reduce infant mortality in this Commonwealth through
3 research, medical services and education; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim May 2003
5 as "Infant Mortality Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.