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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, JANUARY  
11, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 11, 2010, as "Chlamydia Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Chlamydia is the most frequently reported bacterial  
4 sexually transmitted disease in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.1 million cases of chlamydia were  
6 reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
7 during 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, Chlamydia is known as a silent disease because 75%  
9 of women who are infected have no symptoms; and

10 WHEREAS, Chlamydia is five times as common as gonorrhea and  
11 more than 30 times as common as syphilis; and

12 WHEREAS, More than half the reported cases of chlamydia in  
13 2007 occurred in females 15 to 25 years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, One in four adolescent girls has a sexually  
15 transmitted disease and one in 20 sexually active adolescent  
16 girls has chlamydia; and

1       WHEREAS, The chlamydia rate among female adolescents is six  
2 times higher than the national average for all women; and

3       WHEREAS, The rate of chlamydia among African-American females  
4 15 to 24 years of age is eight times higher than for females who  
5 are Caucasian; and

6       WHEREAS, If chlamydia is not treated, it can cause pelvic  
7 inflammatory disease (PID) in up to four out of ten infected  
8 women; and

9       WHEREAS, Testing and treatment for chlamydia significantly  
10 reduces the risk for PID and other complications in women;  
11 therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
13 February 11, 2010, as "Chlamydia Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania  
14 and call upon its citizens to observe this day by participating  
15 in appropriate activities to bring attention to the need for  
16 screening and treatment of chlamydia.