

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MICOZZIE, JUNE 17, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 17, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 29, 2013, as "Psoriasis Day" in Pennsylvania
2 on behalf of the many individuals who suffer from psoriasis
3 and psoriatic arthritis.

4 WHEREAS, Psoriasis is a common autoimmune disease that
5 appears on the skin as red, itchy and scaly patches, affecting
6 nearly 320,000 Pennsylvanians, 7.5 million Americans and 125
7 million persons worldwide; and

8 WHEREAS, Numerous studies have concluded that psoriasis is
9 linked to many other serious medical conditions, such as
10 psoriatic arthritis, cardiovascular disease, cancer and
11 lymphoma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), obesity
12 and metabolic syndrome, diabetes, depression, sexual dysfunction
13 and sleep apnea; and

14 WHEREAS, An observational study conducted by the American
15 Medical Association found that patients with psoriasis have an
16 increased risk of peripheral vascular disease, cerebrovascular

disease and ischemic heart disease; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania declared that the risk of death for cardiovascular disease increases by 57% for individuals living with psoriasis; and

WHEREAS, The International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) is a nonprofit organization of psoriasis support organizations around the world whose focus is to advocate for improved medical care and increased research programs as well as educate the public about this disease; and

WHEREAS, The IFPA has celebrated "World Psoriasis Day" annually since 2004 to rally support for psoriasis sufferers and to discuss significant issues affecting the world's psoriasis community; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the IFPA in establishing "World Psoriasis Day" is to raise awareness, improve access to treatment, increase understanding and build unity amongst the general public and people afflicted with psoriasis; and

WHEREAS, The National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) is the leading organization in the nation advocating on behalf of those suffering from psoriasis as well as raising funds for research programs focused on finding a cure for this condition; and

WHEREAS, The NPF also represents the United States in the IFPA; and

WHEREAS, October 29, 2013, marks the 10th anniversary of "World Psoriasis Day," so designated by the IFPA in order to increase public awareness of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October 29, 2013, as "Psoriasis Day" in support of the efforts of the

1 advocacy groups in Pennsylvania, across the nation and around
2 the globe that are dedicated to raising public awareness about
3 this serious condition.