
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GILLEN, AUGUST 13, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 13, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2015 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis is a disease marked by
4 progressive scarring of tissue inside and between air sacs in a
5 patient's lungs; and

6 WHEREAS, The development of this scarring causes the air sacs
7 to stiffen and thicken, which lowers oxygen levels and gradually
8 interferes with an individual's ability to breathe; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to breathlessness, patients typically
10 experience dry cough, fatigue and chest discomfort; and

11 WHEREAS, The Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis reports that
12 this disease affects approximately 128,100 people in the United
13 States and 48,000 new cases are diagnosed annually; and

14 WHEREAS, The Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis also reports

1 that the prevalence of pulmonary fibrosis has increased 156%
2 since 2000; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 40,000 individuals lose their battle
4 to pulmonary fibrosis each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Experts point to a number of potential causes,
6 including genetics, exposure to airborne toxins and radiation
7 treatment, as well as medications used to treat cancer, heart
8 disease and bacterial infections; and

9 WHEREAS, While there is no known cure for pulmonary fibrosis,
10 a variety of treatment options exist, including supplemental
11 oxygen, pulmonary rehabilitation, lung transplantation,
12 medication and exercise; and

13 WHEREAS, Ambassadors and advocates of this disease have
14 designated September as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month" in
15 an effort to raise awareness, stress the importance of disease
16 education, enhance patient support and increase research
17 funding; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of September 2015 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month"
20 in Pennsylvania and join in the fight to find a cure for the
21 disease.