
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 4, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 7, 2017, as "World Health Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "World Health Day" annually focuses on the global
4 health priorities of the World Health Organization, the United
5 Nations' directing and coordinating authority for health; and

6 WHEREAS, April 7, the date of the World Health Organization's
7 founding in 1948, is set aside for this global observance; and

8 WHEREAS, The topic for the 2017 "World Health Day" campaign
9 is depression; and

10 WHEREAS, Depression is an illness characterized by persistent
11 sadness and a loss of interest in activities that were enjoyed,
12 accompanied by an inability to carry out daily activities, for
13 at least two weeks; and

14 WHEREAS, People with depression normally also have several
15 accompanying symptoms or conditions, including loss of energy, a
16 change in appetite, a change in sleeping habits, anxiety,

1 reduced concentration, indecisiveness, restlessness, feelings of
2 worthlessness, guilt, hopelessness or thoughts of suicide or
3 self-harm; and

4 WHEREAS, A better understanding of what depression is and how
5 it can be prevented and treated will help reduce the stigma
6 associated with the condition and lead to more people seeking
7 help; and

8 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has chosen to focus on
9 three groups disproportionately affected by depression,
10 adolescents and young adults, women of child-bearing age and
11 older adults; and

12 WHEREAS, Depression can be effectively prevented and treated
13 by talk therapy, antidepressant medication or a combination of
14 these; and

15 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives joins the World Health
16 Organization in informing the general public about depression,
17 the causes and possible consequences, including suicide and what
18 help is or can be available for prevention and treatment;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
21 7, 2017, as "World Health Day" in Pennsylvania.