
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 294 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY TOEPEL, LONGIETTI, READSHAW, BAKER, BIZZARRO,
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SONNEY, TOOHIL, WARD AND WARREN, APRIL 27, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 27, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 24, 2017, as "Rare Disease Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Nearly 1 in 10 individuals living in this

3 Commonwealth has a rare disease; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the National Institutes of Health,

5 nearly 30 million Americans have rare diseases; and

6 WHEREAS, A disease is considered rare if it affects fewer

7 than 200,000 Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, There are nearly 7,000 rare diseases; and

9 WHEREAS, Rare diseases tend to be lifelong, but children

10 comprise approximately two-thirds of affected individuals; and

11 WHEREAS, "Rare Disease Day" is observed nationwide by

12 millions of people across the country and by the National

13 Organization for Rare Disorders to promote special awareness of

14 rare diseases; and

15 WHEREAS, Special events and activities are planned in

1 schools, hospitals, universities and medical schools, including
2 the sharing of stories by individuals affected by a rare
3 disease; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 24,
5 2017, as "Rare Disease Day" in Pennsylvania to show residents of
6 this Commonwealth living with a rare disease and their family
7 members that they are not alone.