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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 2, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2018 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis is a condition that occurs when
4 a blood clot forms in one of the large veins in the body, which
5 may result in a fatal pulmonary embolism; and

6 WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis is a serious but preventable
7 medical condition; and

8 WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis occurs in approximately 900,000
9 Americans each year; and

10 WHEREAS, Complications from deep vein thrombosis take up to
11 300,000 American lives each year; and

12 WHEREAS, Fatal pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each
13 year than breast cancer, prostate cancer, motor vehicle crashes
14 and AIDS combined and may be the most common preventable cause
15 of hospital death in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include

1 cancer, certain heart or inflammatory diseases, increasing age,
2 obesity or restricted mobility due to acute medical illness,
3 stroke, major surgery or prolonged travel in cramped spaces; and

4 WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by the American
5 Public Health Association, 74% of Americans are unaware of deep
6 vein thrombosis; and

7 WHEREAS, The designation of March as "Deep Vein Thrombosis
8 Awareness Month" raises public awareness about this life-
9 threatening but preventable condition; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
11 month of March 2018 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month" in
12 Pennsylvania; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth officially recognize the
14 importance of raising awareness of deep vein thrombosis.