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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2018 as "1918 Influenza
2 Pandemic Remembrance Month" in Pennsylvania to mark the 100th
3 anniversary of this global public health crisis.

4 WHEREAS, The 1918 influenza pandemic remains one of the most
5 devastating human infectious disease outbreaks in history; and

6 WHEREAS, A high mortality rate among young, healthy adults is
7 a unique feature of the pandemic; and

8 WHEREAS, An estimated 50 million deaths worldwide are
9 attributed to the pandemic; and

10 WHEREAS, An estimated 675,000 deaths occurred in the United
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, An estimated 50,000 deaths were reported in this
13 Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, The pandemic galvanized scientific research, leading
15 to the development of the first influenza vaccine in 1938; and

16 WHEREAS, Wartime vaccination programs originated during World
17 War II; and

18 WHEREAS, Other worldwide influenza outbreaks emerged in 1957

1 and 1968; and

2 WHEREAS, Infectious disease prevalence and diversity are
3 rising in the 21st century; and

4 WHEREAS, Pandemic viruses may appear simultaneously in
5 different locations; and

6 WHEREAS, Pandemic viruses are associated with socioeconomic
7 disruption; and

8 WHEREAS, Having an informed, prepared public minimizes
9 influenza risks and complications; and

10 WHEREAS, Preparation requires coordinated action among
11 Federal, State and local governments and distribution of health
12 and safety materials in our communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Widespread age-appropriate influenza vaccination
14 significantly improves public health; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2018
16 as "1918 Influenza Pandemic Remembrance Month" in Pennsylvania
17 to mark the 100th anniversary of this global public health
18 crisis.