
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 802 Session of
2004

INTRODUCED BY CRAHALLA, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARD, BASTIAN, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, COY, CRUZ, DALEY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, J. EVANS, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GOOD, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HORSEY, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, LEDERER, LEH, LEWIS, MAJOR, MARKOSEK, McCALL, MCGILL, McILHATTAN, MUSTIO, PALLONE, PAYNE, PICKETT, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, B. SMITH, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRUE, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WEBER, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 23, 2004

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 23, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring September 21, 2004, as "Myositis Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Myositis is an incurable, rare and debilitating
4 neuromuscular disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Myositis refers to several different illnesses,
6 including polymyositis, dermatomyositis and inclusion body
7 myositis; and

8 WHEREAS, All forms of myositis involve chronic muscle
9 inflammation; and

10 WHEREAS, This muscle inflammation almost always results in
11 weakness and may result in swelling and pain of the muscles; and

12 WHEREAS, Myositis can affect many parts of the body,

1 including the joints, heart, lungs, intestines and skin; and

2 WHEREAS, The causes of the various forms of myositis are
3 unknown, but whatever triggers myositis also results in
4 abnormalities in the immune system; and

5 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of myositis will
6 encourage research and result in earlier diagnosis and more
7 effective treatment of this disease; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare September
9 21, 2004, as "Myositis Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and
10 encourage residents of this Commonwealth to support the search
11 for a cause and cure for this chronic and debilitating disease.