
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 297 Session of
1999

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AND CLARK, OCTOBER 25, 1999

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 25, 1999

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 24 through 30, 1999, as
2 "Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is a genetic disease
4 that causes fluid-filled cysts to grow in the kidneys; and

5 WHEREAS, Complications of PKD include loss of kidney
6 function, swelling of the blood vessels in the brain, heart
7 problems, infections, pain, kidney stones, hernias and
8 diverticulitis; and

9 WHEREAS, PKD is the third leading cause of kidney failure and
10 is the number one hereditary disease, affecting more than
11 600,000 people in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, PKD affects men and women and children of all races
13 and ethnic backgrounds; and

14 WHEREAS, PKD costs the taxpayers of the United States in

1 excess of \$1 billion annually in charges for dialysis,
2 transplantation and related therapies; and

3 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for PKD; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
5 week of October 24 through 30, 1999, as "Polycystic Kidney
6 Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.