
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 52

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FEBRUARY 5, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 5, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2007 as "Arthritis Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Arthritis refers to more than 100 different diseases
4 that cause pain, swelling and limited movement in joints and
5 connective tissue throughout the body, the most prevalent forms
6 of which are osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia and rheumatoid
7 arthritis; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly 46 million Americans, representing one in
9 five adults, have arthritis and nearly two-thirds of those
10 people are women; and

11 WHEREAS, Arthritis is one of the most common chronic health

1 problems and the number one cause of limitation in movement in
2 the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy \$86.2
4 billion per year in medical care and lost wages; and

5 WHEREAS, The specific causes of arthritis are not yet known
6 for most forms of the disease, but there are many things that
7 can be done to reduce the impact of arthritis on everyday life;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The key to reducing the impact of arthritis is early
10 diagnosis and a treatment plan tailored to the needs of each
11 individual; and

12 WHEREAS, Most treatment programs include a combination of
13 medication, exercise, rest, use of heat and cold, joint
14 protection techniques and sometimes surgery; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May
16 2007 as "Arthritis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and urge
17 residents of this Commonwealth to be aware of the seriousness of
18 this disease and to seek appropriate treatment to minimize its
19 impact on their lives.