

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 691 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY BEAR, READSHAW, AUMENT, BAKER, BOYD, BRENNAN,
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ROCK, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SANTONI, CULVER, M. SMITH, SONNEY,
SWANGER, VEREB, WATERS, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, KILLION, GILLEN
AND BRADFORD, APRIL 30, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL
30, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2012 as "Lupus Awareness Month" and
2 May 10, 2012, as "Lupus Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, the Lupus Foundation of America
4 designates May as "National Lupus Awareness Month" to show
5 support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans who have lupus;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Lupus is an acute and chronic, lifelong autoimmune
8 disease in which the immune system is unbalanced, causing
9 inflammation and tissue damage to virtually every organ system
10 in the body; and

11 WHEREAS, Lupus can affect any part of the body, including the
12 skin, lungs, heart, kidneys and brain, and the disease can cause
13 seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages and organ

1 failure; and

2 WHEREAS, While lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing
3 age, no one is safe from lupus, and African Americans,
4 Hispanics/Latinos, Asians and Native Americans are two to three
5 times more likely to develop lupus, a disparity that remains
6 unexplained; and

7 WHEREAS, Lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose
8 because its symptoms are similar to those of many other
9 illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and
10 consequences of lupus; and

11 WHEREAS, More than half of all people with lupus take four or
12 more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a
13 correct diagnosis; and

14 WHEREAS, An estimated 66,000 Pennsylvanians have lupus;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives designate the
17 month of May 2012 as "Lupus Awareness Month" and May 10, 2012,
18 as "Lupus Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.