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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 7, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 7, 2013, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, World Asthma Day will be celebrated on May 7, 2013;

3 and

4 WHEREAS, World Asthma Day is organized by the Global
5 Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in collaboration with the
6 Pennsylvania Asthma Partnership to raise awareness about asthma
7 and improve asthma care throughout the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year GINA chooses a theme and organizes
9 preparation and distribution of World Asthma Day materials and
10 resources; and

11 WHEREAS, World Asthma Day activities are organized in each
12 country by health care professionals, educators and members of
13 the public who want to help reduce the burden of asthma; and

14 WHEREAS, The first World Asthma Day in 1998 was celebrated in
15 more than 35 countries in conjunction with the first world
16 asthma meeting held in Barcelona, Spain; and

17 WHEREAS, Participation has increased with each World Asthma

1 Day held since then, and the day has become one of the world's
2 most important asthma awareness and education events; and

3 WHEREAS, Many Americans are afflicted with asthma, a serious
4 chronic lung disease caused by continual airway inflammation
5 punctuated by episodes or attacks of increased inflammation
6 often in response to specific triggers; and

7 WHEREAS, These attacks, characterized by difficulty in
8 breathing, occasionally are extreme and constitute a medical
9 emergency; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, the burden of asthma in
11 the United States has greatly increased; and

12 WHEREAS, More recent data about asthma-related
13 hospitalizations and mortality appear to indicate that asthma
14 prevalence has stabilized, and improved levels of disease
15 management have helped to mitigate asthma's effects; therefore
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 7, 2013, as "World
18 Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania.