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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 6, 2015, as "Moyamoya Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Moyamoya disease is a rare disorder of the  
4 cerebrovascular system which causes arteries at the base of the  
5 brain to narrow, resulting in blocked blood flow to the brain;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, To compensate for the blockage, the body forms a  
8 tangle of tiny blood vessels; and

9 WHEREAS, The term Moyamoya means "puff of smoke" in Japanese,  
10 which is how the tangle appeared to Japanese doctors who first  
11 described the disorder in the 1960s; and

12 WHEREAS, Moyamoya may lead to a transient ischemic attack  
13 (TIA) and both children and adults may experience a stroke,  
14 followed by weakness or paralysis on one side of the body; and

1       WHEREAS, Other symptoms of the disorder include aphasia, a  
2 speech problem that impairs language comprehension, vision  
3 problems, disturbed consciousness, reduced cognitive ability,  
4 distorted functioning of senses and involuntary movements; and

5       WHEREAS, Because the arteries continue to narrow, surgery is  
6 needed to prevent mental decline and recurrent strokes;  
7 therefore be it

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 6,  
9 2015, as "Moyamoya Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.