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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of January 2016 as "Glaucoma Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Healthy vision is critical to the overall health and  
4 well-being of individuals and the completion of daily functions;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Glaucoma is a leading cause of vision loss and  
7 irreversible blindness in the United States, affecting more than  
8 3 million people; and

9 WHEREAS, People 40 years of age and older are more likely to  
10 be affected by glaucoma, but people of any age are susceptible  
11 to glaucoma and its ill effects; and

12 WHEREAS, Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable  
13 blindness, accounting for approximately 120,000 cases of  
14 blindness in the United States; and

1       WHEREAS, There are no noticeable symptoms in the early stages  
2 of glaucoma, and vision loss progresses at such a gradual rate  
3 that people affected by the condition are often unaware of their  
4 degree of vision loss until their sight has already been  
5 compromised; and

6       WHEREAS, Early detection is vital to preventing glaucoma from  
7 progressing and further deteriorating the individual's vision;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, The American Academy of Ophthalmology advises that  
10 routine, comprehensive eye exams are the best way to defend  
11 against the negative effects to vision caused by glaucoma;  
12 therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 month of January 2016 as "Glaucoma Awareness Month" in  
15 Pennsylvania in an effort to raise awareness about the  
16 prevalence of glaucoma and its negative effects on vision and to  
17 raise awareness about the preventability of glaucoma by routine,  
18 comprehensive eye exams.