

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2016 as "Sepsis Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Sepsis, commonly called "blood poisoning," is the
4 body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to infection
5 which may lead to tissue damage, organ failure and death; and

6 WHEREAS, Physicians draw from a list of symptoms in order to
7 make a diagnosis of sepsis, including abnormalities of body
8 temperature, heart rate, respiratory rate and white blood cell
9 count; and

10 WHEREAS, Sepsis may be caused by an infection, usually
11 associated with an illness such as diabetes or cancer, or an
12 injury such as a cut or a scrape; and

13 WHEREAS, This medical condition may be caused by an infection
14 following routine surgery or a medical procedure; and

15 WHEREAS, Sepsis kills approximately 258,000 Americans

1 annually, and that number is increasing; and

2 WHEREAS, Forty percent of patients diagnosed with severe
3 sepsis do not survive; and

4 WHEREAS, This medical condition is considered to be the most
5 costly in-hospital condition in the nation, costing more than
6 \$20 billion each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Until a cure for sepsis is found, early detection is
8 the best hope for survival; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
10 month of September 2016 as "Sepsis Awareness Month" in
11 Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend our
13 health care partners who are implementing lifesaving measures
14 and working aggressively with steadfast commitment to address
15 early sepsis diagnosis and prevention, which have resulted in
16 overall reductions in sepsis deaths in the past year.