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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 1 through 7, 2017, as "Automated  
2 External Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, AED is the acronym for automated external  
4 defibrillator; and

5 WHEREAS, AEDs are portable medical devices that use  
6 electrodes to automatically analyze and detect cardiac  
7 arrhythmia of sudden cardiac arrest patients; and

8 WHEREAS, AEDs are able to produce an electric shock which  
9 stops the heart and allows it to return to a normal rhythm, a  
10 process called defibrillation; and

11 WHEREAS, AEDs are used in the event of a sudden cardiac  
12 arrest, a condition in which the heart suddenly stops pumping  
13 blood and quivers erratically; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 360,000 cases of sudden cardiac arrest  
15 occur yearly, typically without any warning signs; and

1       WHEREAS, An individual has approximately a 5% chance of  
2 surviving an incident of cardiac arrest, which decreases 7% to  
3 10% with every minute that passes after an individual's heart  
4 stops beating; and

5       WHEREAS, Having an AED readily available allows an individual  
6 more time to grab the AED and return to the victim within 90  
7 seconds; and

8       WHEREAS, Given that an individual's chances of surviving a  
9 sudden cardiac arrest decrease so rapidly, it is important that  
10 AEDs are readily available; therefore be it

11       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
12 week of June 1 through 7, 2017, as "Automated External  
13 Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.