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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 6, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 6, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2018 as "Bleeding Disorders  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's  
4 National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities  
5 and the Division of Blood Disorders have joined together in  
6 support of the annual "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month"; and

7 WHEREAS, "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" was established  
8 in part with the National Hemophilia Foundation and its 54  
9 chapter organizations to raise awareness of bleeding disorders  
10 and the importance of conducting research, educational outreach  
11 and providing advocacy initiatives; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 3 million individuals in the United States  
13 are diagnosed with a bleeding disorder; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Hemophilia Foundation has worked to  
15 advance research on hemophilia and other related bleeding

1 disorders for 70 years, providing funding for research  
2 fellowships and grants that have been vital to the advancement  
3 of medical knowledge and care for individuals suffering from  
4 bleeding disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2016, the United States Department of Health and  
6 Human Services officially designated the month of March as  
7 "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month," at which time it was  
8 officially added to the department's National Health Observances  
9 Calendar; and

10 WHEREAS, This designation builds upon the actions of  
11 President Ronald Reagan who first designated the month of March  
12 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in 1986; and

13 WHEREAS, March 7 through 9, 2018, the National Hemophilia  
14 Foundation is hosting its annual Washington Days advocacy event  
15 on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, during which time advocates  
16 from 50 states will meet with United States congressional  
17 legislators and staff; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2016, as part of the "Bleeding Disorders  
19 Awareness Month" initiative, the National Hemophilia Foundation  
20 adopted the red tie as the official symbol of bleeding  
21 disorders, signifying the blood ties that bind the nearly 3  
22 million individuals who are currently diagnosed with a bleeding  
23 disorder in the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, On March 2, 2018, the National Hemophilia Foundation  
25 and its national charter organizations are launching the annual  
26 "Red Tie Challenge"; and

27 WHEREAS, The "Red Tie Challenge" is a national effort to  
28 raise funds and promote awareness during which participants are  
29 encouraged to make a donation at [redtiechallenge.org](http://redtiechallenge.org), wear a red  
30 tie, record and share their best red tie styles on the Internet

1 and challenge their friends to do the same and join the fight  
2 against bleeding disorders; and

3 WHEREAS, Hemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other rare  
4 factor deficiencies prevent an individual's blood from clotting  
5 normally and pose a serious health risk which can be fatal if  
6 not treated effectively; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
8 month of March 2018 as "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" in  
9 Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
11 the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter and the Western Pennsylvania  
12 Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation.