
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 8, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 8, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2019 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 51
9 affiliated chapter organizations to raise awareness of bleeding
10 disorders and the importance of conducting research, educational
11 outreach 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
16 disorders for 71 years, providing funding for research

1 fellowships and grants that have been vital to the advancement
2 of medical knowledge and care for individuals suffering from
3 bleeding disorders; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, March 27 through 29, 2019, the National Hemophilia
13 Foundation is hosting its annual Washington Days advocacy event
14 on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, during which time advocates
15 from 47 states will meet with United States congressional
16 legislators and staff; and

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

23 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2019, the National Hemophilia Foundation
24 and its national charter organizations are launching the annual
25 "Red Tie Campaign"; and

26 WHEREAS, The "Red Tie Campaign" is a national effort to raise
27 funds and promote awareness during which participants are
28 encouraged to make a donation at redticampaign.org, wear a red
29 tie, record and share their best red tie styles on the Internet
30 and challenge their friends to do the same and join the fight

1 against bleeding disorders; and

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

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
7 month of March 2019 as "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" in
8 Pennsylvania; and be it further

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