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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 6, 2019

A RESOLUTION

- Designating the month of September 2019 as "Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Polycystic ovarian syndrome is a hormonal disorder
- 4 that affects approximately 5 million women in the United States;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, One of the leading causes of infertility, polycystic
- 7 ovarian syndrome affects approximately 1 in 10 women of
- 8 childbearing age; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Polycystic ovarian syndrome is defined as the
- 10 presence of cysts on the ovaries combined with the absence of
- 11 ovulation; and
- 12 WHEREAS, While the cause of polycystic ovarian syndrome is
- 13 unknown, most experts believe that several factors, including
- 14 genetics, could play a role; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Polycystic ovarian syndrome can begin in the teenage
- 16 years with symptoms such as irregular or absent menstrual

- 1 periods, acne, obesity, weight gain, inability to lose weight,
- 2 breathing problems while sleeping, depression, oily skin,
- 3 infertility, skin discolorations, high cholesterol levels,
- 4 elevated blood pressure, excess or abnormal hair growth and
- 5 distribution, pain in the lower abdomen and pelvis, multiple
- 6 ovarian cysts and skin tags; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Women with polycystic ovarian syndrome have a
- 8 greater chance of developing several serious health conditions,
- 9 including life-threatening diseases such as diabetes and heart
- 10 disease; and
- 11 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for polycystic ovarian
- 12 syndrome; and
- 13 WHEREAS, By changing lifestyle habits and making small
- 14 changes to diet and exercise, women afflicted with the disease
- 15 can not only feel better, but can also improve their chances of
- 16 conception; therefore be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 18 month of September 2019 as "Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
- 19 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.