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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 8 through 14, 2019, as  
2 "Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Research and Awareness Week"  
3 in Pennsylvania to increase awareness and understanding of  
4 idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

5 WHEREAS, Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) is a  
6 debilitating and generally fatal disease marked by progressive  
7 scarring of the lungs causing an irreversible loss of the lung  
8 tissue's ability to transport oxygen; and

9 WHEREAS, IPF progresses quickly, often causing disability or  
10 death within three to five years; and

11 WHEREAS, IPF is the most common form of interstitial lung  
12 disease; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no proven cause of IPF, and it is often  
14 misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed; and

15 WHEREAS, IPF is five times more common than cystic fibrosis  
16 and Lou Gehrig's disease yet the disease remains virtually  
17 unknown and receives a fraction of the research funding; and

1       WHEREAS, More than 132,000 United States citizens have IPF  
2 and approximately 50,000 new cases are diagnosed each year; and

3       WHEREAS, As many as 40,000 people die each year due to IPF,  
4 the same number as breast cancer; and

5       WHEREAS, Approximately 7,000 Pennsylvanians suffer from IPF;  
6 and

7       WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has become a leader in research  
8 and treatment of IPF, with more than 15% of all lung transplants  
9 in the United States performed in Pennsylvania hospitals; and

10       WHEREAS, A need has been identified to increase research,  
11 awareness and detection of IPF; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 week of September 8 through 14, 2019, as "Idiopathic Pulmonary  
14 Fibrosis Research and Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania to  
15 increase awareness and understanding of idiopathic pulmonary  
16 fibrosis.